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Doug Hogarth shows how it's done, clearing the pool of water during Sir Sam's Ski and Bike Resort's Spring Splash on Saturday, March 24. There were 25 participants in the event that drew hundreds of spectators. The event also included a rubber ducky race and live entertainment. More on page 34. Darren Lum Staff

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Tim Hortons plans for Haliburton

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

It's coming.

Tim Hortons is bringing its doughnuts and coffee to town, and maybe even some ice cream.

Plans to bring the popular Canadian restaurant chain to Haliburton have been in the works for years, however, new developments indicate a location may be open in the near future.

An application to amend the zoning bylaw for a property on County Road 21 was submitted to Dysart et al and scheduled to be approved for processing at council's March

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Missing teen found

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

A Minden Hills teenager who was reported missing during the weekend has been located by police and returned safely to her family.

Thirteen-year-old Gabrielle Raymond was pronounced missing on the afternoon on Friday, March 23. She'd last been seen in area of Conway Road, a few kilometres east of Kinmount, at about noon.

Police were contacted around 3:30 p.m. with the Haliburton Highlands OPP, the central region emergency response team, the central region canine unit, the central region snowmobile, ATV and vessel enforcement team, an OPP helicopter and members of CFB Trenton conducting a

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Redman cries foul over robocall scandal

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

With the scope of the federal robocall scandal growing ever wider, former Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Liberal candidate Laura Redman reemerged from the political woodwork last week, criticizing the Conservatives, whom she blames for interfering with the democratic process.

Redman's criticism came in response to a story that ran in the paper earlier this month, in which MP Barry Devolin reiterated Prime Minister Stephen Harper's statement that the Conservative party had nothing to do with mysterious, misleading calls to voters last spring, calls that sent some people, particularly in Guelph, to non-existent voting stations.

During last spring's election campaign, a number of constituents in this riding received phone calls delivering what Redman said was misleading information about Liberal agricultural policy and saying Redman supported only organic and not traditional farming.

In some cases, Redman, who noted Devolin had used a call centre during the campaign, said callers posed as members of her campaign team and, in at least one instance, as her.

"We never did get an answer about where these calls had come from," Redman said last week. "I would love to get an answer about where these calls came from."

As he had last spring, Devolin told the paper he was in no way connected to the calls.

"My campaign had nothing to do with that," he said, adding that there had also been significant sign tampering during the campaign, something he and other candidates were victims of.

Redman, who noted she was not speaking on behalf of

the Liberals or their local riding association, said the calls weren't the only bit of "nasty stuff" that went on during the election, pointing to a sign that she said seen at the voting station in Minden.

"It looked like it was a kind of very official-looking sign, a how-to-vote type of thing," she explained.

The sign apparently showed an X marked beside Devolin's name. "It only benefited him so I don't think the NDP or Green party would have been responsible."

Redman said the sign had been removed quickly when spotted by her team and that a complaint had been lodged with Elections Canada.

"This is the first time I've heard about this," Devolin said when told about the alleged scenario. The MP believed that what had probably been seen at the station was the "get out the vote" literature he sent to his identified supporters.

"What it sounds like to me is that it would have our 'vote at' cards that we send out that possibly someone left behind," he said.

Devolin said maybe Elections Canada needs to change the rules to disallow voters from bringing such publications into polling stations, much the way political buttons are not permitted.

Redman is confident the country's governing party is responsible for the robocall scandal, about which Elections Canada has received hundreds of complaints.

"If the Conservative party has nothing to hide, why did they not immediately call an inquiry?" Redman asked.

Devolin reiterated he believes neither his party nor the Prime Minister's Office had anything to do with the scandal, noting that Harper and campaign chair Guy Giorno had denied any Conservative involvement.

"I believe them for two reasons," he told the paper. "I know both of them quite well and this is not their style and if they say that, I have no reason not to believe them."

Second, Devolin said, "trying to do what people are suggesting was done is very inefficient . . . it would be a dumb strategy. And you'll almost certainly get caught. It's just not a very smart tactic."

The MP believes Elections Canada, which is conducting an investigation into what happened in Guelph, will get to the bottom of it.

"I think Elections Canada has the resources and the responsibility to do this," he said. "I am confident that at the end of the day, whoever did this will be found out. All this stuff leaves electronic footprints."

Devolin said there should be serious repercussions for

whoever is responsible.

"I think the penalty needs to be serious in terms of sending a message to others that this is not minor mischief," he said. "I think people need to be reminded this is very, very serious business."

Under the Elections Canada Act, intentionally misleading voters can bring a maximum prison sentence of five years.

Devolin noted MPs are trying to deal with the robocall issue, with a motion passing unanimously in the House of Commons a couple of weeks ago that from now on, call centre companies will have to report to Elections Canada any contracts they may have.

Redman also criticized the Conservatives for a television attack ad that aired last week against interim Liberal leader Bob Rae.

The ad attacks Rae's record as the 1990s NDP Ontario premier, labels him a failure and suggests that he couldn't run a province and isn't fit to run the country.

"They're doing a smear campaign against Bob Rae," she said, highlighting that Rae is the interim leader of the third-place party and calling the tactic dirty. "We've got children living in poverty across this country and we're doing a smear campaign on Bob Rae."

In response, Devolin pointed out that Rae had announced in the House he was more than willing to debate his record and said he thought the ad was really about trying to establish whether Rae has quietly become the leader of the Liberal party.

"It appears that in Liberal party literature . . . and there were billboards in Toronto and elsewhere . . . that the word 'interim' has been removed from his title," he said. "Subtly he stopped being the interim leader and became the leader. So our guys are trying to smoke him out."

Devolin was asked why the Conservatives would launch an attack campaign when the next federal election is three years away and if he thought such tactics should be part of federal political discourse.

"Bob Rae's very articulate, he's very skilled in the House," he responded. "Do I wish [attack ads] weren't there? Yeah, but it's like fighting in hockey. Taking the good players into the boards early in the game, early in the series, so they get tired or kind of think twice about going into the corner."

Reader warns of scam

An *Echo* reader contacted the paper this week to warn of a contest scam.

The woman had received a letter from International Award Payment Centre asking her to send them \$20 to be included in a contest.

The letter asked her to send a cheque, cash or money order with a signature.

Her letter included her name alongside a potential \$15,000 to be won.

She contacted the local OPP detachment and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, which confirmed this letter is a scam.

If you are unsure of a letter you receive (or email, phone call or fax), contact the anti-fraud centre at 1-888-495-8501, or email them at info@antifraudcentre.ca. Good information is also available online at www.antifraudcentre.ca.

Correction

Jan Simon wrote to the *Echo* to let readers know that the workshop offered by Peter Reid Aug. 13 to 17 will be on acrylic techniques. She had previously told Highlands East council that the course would be on watercolour techniques.

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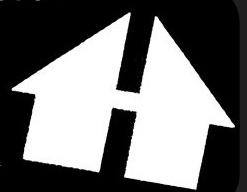
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Summer weather smashes records across country

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

County residents put on their shorts, pulled out their bicycles and headed out for ice cream last week as temperatures reached freakishly high levels.

Records were smashed locally and throughout the country, with mid-week temperatures in Haliburton County reaching the mid-20s.

Dave Phillips, senior climatologist for Environment Canada, took some time to talk about the weather with the paper.

"This would be as weird as it snowing in Minden in July," Phillips said, adding it's like nothing he's seen in a career spanning more than 40 years. "This is unbelievable. Even when it cools off to normal, it will feel like a cold front."

Average temperatures for the area for the third week of March are between 6 and -7 C.

On Tuesday, March 20, the mercury in Haliburton County hit 24 C.

"That would be the kind of average temperature for July 5," Phillips said.

The next day, the weather station in Bancroft recorded a high of 27 C – 21 degrees higher than the seasonal norm for a daytime temperature.

To put that in perspective, Phillips said previously, the warmest temperature on record for March 21 was 14 degrees, set in 1979.

Environment Canada's records date back to the 19th century.

The turning point came on March 11.

On March 10, there was snow in the area and temperatures hovered around -20 C.

The next day the temperature peaked at 13.

The reason for the upswing was a stream of warm air from the south.

While a day or two of such temperatures are not necessarily out of the ordinary for March, they lasted all week.

"These were warm temperatures, some were records and



Torontonian Tom Dykstra enjoys the balmy weather Monday, March 19 in Haliburton's Head Lake Park. Temperatures hit 23 C in town.

Jenn Watt Staff

some were very close to records," Phillips said.

The warm weather melted the snow.

"[Southern air] typically is chilled by the appearance of winter in Canada," Phillips continued. "First dibs on that warm air is used to abstract the heat for melting the ground and melting the snow and thawing out the ice."

With the area's snow melted, there was nothing to temper or moderate a continued stream of warmth from the south last week, resulting in summertime temperatures.

And while many people may have relished the unseasonable warmth, it will have repercussions for plants, including a horrendous sap season for maple syrup producers.

Plants that sprouted early buds are also likely to have them nixed by more seasonal temperatures this week, which Phillips expected to hit lows of -8 C.

"Nature is confused," he said. "Animals don't know

whether to mate or sleep. People think that nature's got all the answers, but [animals] are just as confused as human beings."

Phillips was asked if last week's temperatures were an empirical indicator that human activity is affecting the climate.

"It's a good question," he responded. "I think what we can say is what we're seeing is consistent with what we will see in the future. I sometimes use the analogy of a movie trailer. This is like the weather trailer. This is giving us a little sneak preview of what we will see in the future."

That doesn't mean next spring will be as warm, he said. It might be 25 years before there is another heat wave like the one last week.

However, overall, the expert said trends are pointing to shorter, milder Canadian winters.



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Curtains close on the Molou theatre

➤ Building is just bricks and mortar, but the heart and soul of the past patrons will burn brightly forever through their memories

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

That's all folks.

The 70-year-old Molou Theatre located on Haliburton's Highland Street has officially closed as a movie theatre to be renovated into two units.

It sits virtually empty. Gone are the 320 chairs. The laughter and the smell of popcorn have been replaced by silence since it was closed all of last season.

Unlike in the thousands of movies it shown in its screens, the Molou would not have a saviour to swoop in to save the day at the 11th hour. It is destined for another future with a prospective tenant described as a local entrepreneur, who is expected to use the front portion of the building. It is arguably the longest, narrowest movie theatre that ever existed in North America.

No crystal ball was needed to see the day when the Molou would cease to be a cinema.

Most will tell you the days were numbered long before the last seats were pulled from the building last week. The writing was on the wall literally and figuratively.

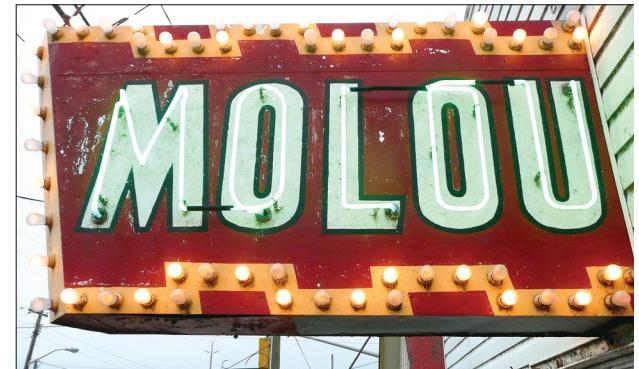
Pending building permits, the Molou is expected to receive renovations that will include insulation (that was never in the building, being only opened for the weekends) and a division into two units with one at the front and 800 square feet at the back with an entrance at the side, said Allan Consky, son of the late Lou Consky and widow Molly, who both started the family business (hence the name, which combines their first two names) in 1941.

The first movie screened was Down Argentine Way starring Betty Grable and Carmen Miranda. Tickets for admission were 36 cents for adults and 18 cents for children.

Consky hopes to have tenants in the building by the end of May or the beginning of June, he said.

The plans include the preservation of the main lobby, including the box office and the outside marquee sign, he added.

"Hopefully the tenant we get will get added foot traffic from people coming in and looking around and maybe how they'll handle it [I] can't say, but it would be nice if we were able to put together a history of the theatre that was



Clockwise, from left, the theatre at its height of popularity; the sign as it is now; workers cart away the last of the Molou theatre chairs, as the owners have committed to renovating the interior to prepare the building for its new life pending building permits. Allan Consky, son of Lou and Molly Consky, has hopes to maintain the marquee sign, box office and lobby. Top, file photos, bottom by Darren Lum



there," he said.

The public often regarded the Molou as both a living museum and an outdated relic of the mid-20th century. In either case, it has succumbed to time and become irrelevant with the advent of home theatres and the financial constraints. The constraints include operating costs influenced by the movie studio payment structure.

"It's been a very bad state of affairs for a long time. And I have no sympathy whatsoever for the film industry and the demise of the film industry and the way its going because of their extremely hardboiled attitude," Consky said, "One of the things that they did to us that killed our business was they would never allowed us to split screens... They took the same policies that are in existence for multiplexes and they applied them to us."

The minimum two-week period for each movie hindered the theatre's ability to offer more than the single offering, which limited the theatre to one movie on their only

screen.

He finds it unfortunate that the industry didn't introduce a heritage status for theatres such as theirs similar to antique vehicles where there is leniency for emission requirements.

Consky believes his family's theatre was among the oldest independent theatres left in North America.

The last few years when the theatre was completely closed were the toughest.

"It was always sad for me to see this great location, this great piece of real estate empty all day while the town was full of people only to have 15 or 20 people sitting in the seats at night. It was just a hopeless cause," he said.

Among his best memories includes seeing the lineups of people that often stretched some 50 metres, waiting in anticipation for a 7 p.m. show during the 1960s and 1970s.

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Molly appreciates all of the patrons that came to the theatre

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"It was a real happening when that happened," he said.

Consky said his father never understood the restricted label applied to a small town since many young couples would come with young children.

"The kid was sound asleep and they'd want to come because they couldn't afford a babysitter and he'd have to send them back. They had no form of entertainment in those days. No television or anything ... we had a lot of crying babies in the theatre ... that's what happened in small town."

He adds his dad always said, "The children get the comedy and the adults get the smut. If you're not old enough to take it in then it doesn't really matter. That was before all the violence in movies."

It's highly likely that one of those babies was current Haliburton resident Art Dawson.

Dawson, who was born and raised in the area, said he believes his first visit was a few years after he was born with his parents.

What has stuck with him was the smell of the popcorn, the sound of pop bottles rolling from the back to the front down the sloping grade of the theatre floor and seeing a movie that made him jump.

"The one that scared me the most was Jaws. I think I went back two seats when that shark came out of the water," he said.

Dawson is appreciative of the efforts of the Consky family for keeping movie ticket prices reasonable over the years.

"That was something I think people have forgot over the years," he said.

Its importance to the community was more than just entertainment, Consky said.

"The theatre was a window on the world and for a small town it was an outlet on culture. They had nothing else. It was an important thing. After the library came the movie theatre [in order of importance]," he said.

Even though Sheila Popple, who was born in 1941, managed to visit other nearby

cities and towns while growing up in Haliburton, the theatre provided an insight into the world such as when she saw the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953 during the new reels shown before the movie. She often saved up her pennies for the movie ticket admission.

For any person that came to the theatre and didn't behave, they had to deal with the theatre's long serving manager, Grace Sites, who retired in the 1980s.

"She didn't have any children, but the theatre and the kids around the theatre were her children," Consky said.

Haliburton Highlands Museum director Tom Ballantine admits he didn't go to the theatre a lot but appreciated the movie going experience that the Molou offered.

"The experience of going to a theatre and oohing and ahhing and cheering with a whole bunch of people was always fun," he said.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, who was raised a few miles outside town, is saddened, but understands of the financial realities and technological advancements that led to the closure.

"I remember going there and watching Wild West movies, the Ma and Pa Kettle series and enjoying them with other kids my age ... when I could go [and afford it] it was a treat," he said about the 1950s.

"If you had enough money left over after you paid for your theatre ticket then you always got popcorn. It was usually Lou Consky himself or Molly [selling it]... It's a loss to our community no question about it," he said.

Molly said she now has a hard time recognizing the same children that used to come to the theatre, as they've grown up, but nevertheless appreciates all of them.

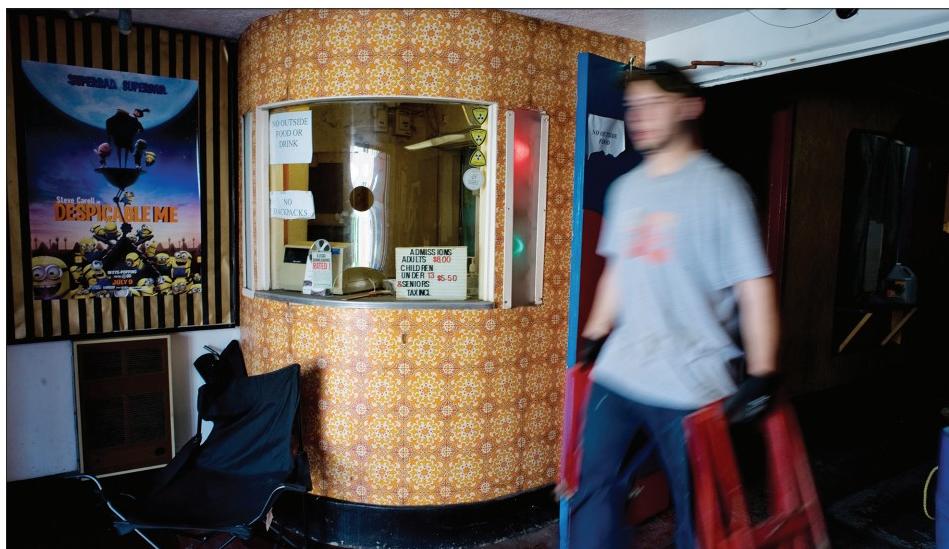
"We enjoyed having them. A lot of people [came]. A lot of people were friends. We enjoyed the people that came all the time," she said.

She continues to love movies and regularly goes for the stories and the excitement, which was what she wanted to offer the community through the theatre she

opened with her late husband.

"We tried to do the best we could and we enjoyed the work. We enjoyed it very much. It was a very happy time for us," she said.

Her son Allan summed it up the best when he said, "We will miss it and boy was it ever fun."



Darren Lum Staff

The Molou theatre may never show another movie, but future plans include a plan to preserve the lobby, the marquee sign and the box office. The work will be completed by Greg Brown Construction.



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It sat vacant all last summer, following previous seasons of desperate revival attempts.

It was time.

The Consky family, who has owned the theatre for 70 years, had the seats ripped out of the floor, effectively killing any lingering dreams that the cinema might re-open.

It's a shame to see the local theatre go. Many in town have been remembering fondly their trips to the show – the way it informed them of world events, gave them something to do on the weekends, brought them closer to their neighbours.

The venue's demise comes from a shift in technology and restrictions within the industry.

While the industry has made it more costly and difficult for small theatres to operate, those theatres are also competing with us.

The easy availability of movies over the Internet coupled with home theatres has taken us away from the traditional cinema.

A trip to town to see a movie isn't the attraction it once was.

And for that reason *we*, as much as the industry, have contributed to the loss of the Molou.

We didn't use it, so we lost it.

Soon the building will be renovated into two neat units available for rent, with the family hoping the box office can be preserved for its historical value.

It's a shame.

But where the Molou was lost, there is still hope for another small venue.

Highlands Cinemas, too, is raising alarm about the future of its business.

The digitization of film requires owner Keith Stata to make a decision: to invest in expensive new equipment or close up shop at the end of this year.

Audience attendance will be far more important this summer than any other in convincing Stata to keep the cinema/movie museum open.

For Haliburton residents it's less convenient than the Molou was, but far closer than Peterborough, Orillia or Bracebridge – our other options should Highlands Cinemas close.

If we want to keep small town cinema open, we've got to buy the tickets.

Head Lake Ice Contest

We lost the ice on Head Lake this weekend *way* ahead of schedule. Stay tuned next week for the results of our annual ice contest when the winner will be revealed.



Jenn Watt
Editor



photo by Darren Lum

Morning fog

What you carry in your heart

“A GIRL SEES IN the world what she carries in her heart,”
- Johann Wolfgang Goethe,
Faust.

This quote was recently sent to me by a good friend and my daughter Madeline and I have been discussing what it means and looking for examples of it in our everyday lives. While on our annual March Break maple syrup making adventure we came across what we think was an excellent example of that idea.

The City Café Bakery in Kitchener, Ont., is located in what was once an old gas station. It has bagels, croissants, wood-fired pizza, melts, breads of all types, brownies, good coffee, lots of parking and more. There are three locations and each is unique with funky exterior paint jobs and outdoor patios.

When you walk in the front door of each of the cafés you are immediately greeted by the fire blazing in the oven and are surrounded by great music. My family loves to visit these cafés when we are in that part of the world. Actually, we love to look for good food whenever we travel.

What we love about these cafés is that they are based on the honour system of paying for your bread, pizza or coffee. City Café doesn't have Interac and doesn't accept credit cards. And you won't find a cash register in the bakery.

Instead, customers add up how much they owe themselves (there is a calcula-

tor to assist) and drop their money into a fare box from an old bus. (The staff do have change on hand if someone is buying something that costs \$1.50 and she only has a \$20 bill.)

It is such a great lesson for my daughter about many things – about being creative, about trusting your clients, your staff and yourself, about the power of making something really good, about creating a sense of community one bagel at a time. We talked about how the owner/creator of these businesses believes in the goodness, honesty and integrity of his clients.

One of the staff told me that people often give more than what their bill states. Perhaps they are generous because the café is generous. In the practice of qigong I have a favourite move where we put our hands together in front of our hearts and as we inhale we press our hands forward and out and I say "send love and goodness out into the universe/community" and then we move our arms around our body and our hands back on our belly and I say "and as much as you send out, 10 times as much comes back your way."

It is an interesting concept to consider.

I definitely felt like the City Café Bakery is sending goodness out in the community one bagel at a time!



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points of view

Spring has sprung

HE'S AT IT AGAIN!" I muttered.

"Who?" Jenn said.

Unable to formulate words, I simply pointed angrily out the window towards my SUV.

There, perched right on the door, directly in front of my side view mirror, was the robin - my current arch-enemy.

I shook my fist at him, since flipping him the bird would mean nothing.

I know it's hard to believe. After all, to a lot of people, a robin is a harbinger of spring, a wondrously pleasant bird whose

cheery call brightens up the morning. Even their light blue eggs exude a kind of happy, Disney-like innocence that makes you think this native songbird is all right.

Yeah, sure. Personally, I have never had much liking for robins or anything else that makes their living stealing live bait from my lawn - especially with the price of a dozen worms these days.

As if that's not enough, they're disrespectful of private property.

Take this particular bird, for instance. For the fifth morning in a row, he (I can only assume that a lady wouldn't do this) had decided to perch on my car door and fight with himself in my side mirror.

Admittedly, that's not much of a big deal. Heck, I fight with myself in the mirror more often than I care to admit - mostly about my hair.

The problem was, he always seemed to scare himself to the point where he'd crap himself - and that's where he and I part ways. I haven't done that in years.

The worst part is, as most observant people know, robins don't wear pants like civilized folks. So, after a day or two, the doors on both sides of my car looked like a statue that had just been victimized by a flock of incontinent pigeons.

In fact, even as I pointed, he did it again. And I said as much to Jenn.

"Why don't you just go scare him off?" she said.

"He already craps at the sight of his own reflection," I mumbled. "I think me running out there and screaming would just empty him out. No, we need a more permanent solution..."

"You're not planning on killing him are you?"

"That's illegal," I said. "Besides, I've got a better idea."

Sadly, I wasn't able to get him to eat Imodium-laced bird seed. But, the bird gods must have smiled on me, because the next day something even better happened.

That's right, he switched over to Jenn's car.

"What kind of bird would do this?" she said, as she cleaned off her doors.

"He's not normal," I muttered. "I think he's part heron."

Suddenly, and perhaps for the first time, Jenn saw things exactly my way.

We then discussed ways to prevent this from happening and - I won't lie to you - revenge. We agreed that what was needed was something to send out a message to him and all the other robins in the area. And since the average nest can't support a horse's head and the law prevents me from more drastic measures, we had to think outside of the box.

"You're sure it will work?" Jenn said, as I scattered them across the front lawn. "It seems awfully cruel."

"He'll live," I said. "And besides, no one is forcing him to steal."

Between you and me, I just hope they don't call them gummy worms for nothing.



pic of the past

Canadian Embassy - Rotary International Convention - Tokyo, Japan, 1961. From left, Mrs. Jack Robertson, Dr. Harry Good, Mrs. Harry Good, Harold Herlihey, Mrs. Harold Herlihey, Mrs. Ron Curry, Ron Curry, Mrs. Fred Jones and Jack Robertson. Submitted by Grant and Mary McCracken.

letters to the editor

Recognizing a dream

To the Editor,

We wanted to say thank you to this community, the individuals, and various media outlets for recognizing 2012 Iditarod finisher, Hank DeBruin and Team Winterdance. They have arrived back in our community to a warm welcome in many different forms. Hank and his partner and wife Tanya McCready run Winterdance Dogsledding operation here in the Highlands, through this operation they introduce over 3,000 people a winter to our community and dogsledding. This alone is an amazing feat, but over the first two weeks of March, Hank and his team of beautiful Siberian Huskies ran over 1000 miles across Alaska to complete the Iditarod something to which few in this world can lay claim.

There was ongoing coverage of this man of few words, both radio and print, as he reached for and accomplished a dream. You could hear conversations around the county, "where is Hank?" We just wanted to recognize our amazing community for noticing what was being done!

Thank you Haliburton, once again you have proven this is a community that cares, and is a wonderful place to live.

**Ed and Sue Yallop
Algonquin Highlands**

Snowboarder gives thanks

To the Editor,

I would like to thank the community for their support of my dream that I will do my best to turn into reality. I would like to thank my employer Sir Sam's Ski and Summer Resort, my friends, family and my mom for believing in me.

I know I have a God-given ability and I am so thankful for that.

I would like to thank Olympic gold medalist, Jasey Jay Anderson for inspiring me. That's how I learned to ride, by watching him at the 2010 winter Olympics.

Training days are April 4 and 5. The junior PGS competition is the 6th. The senior PGS is April 7.

Once again thanks for all the support for allowing me to follow my dream.

**Greg Foster
Algonquin Highlands**

To donate to Foster's snowboarding dream, you can deposit money to CIBC, branch 0154 bank 010 account # 76-44930. Cheques may be made to Lois Foster in Trust for Greg Foster.

*Pass along your name so the family can thank you:
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letters

Property eyesore

To the Editor,

Haliburton village residents will note the condominium building on the edge of tiny Head Lake, which is just about to receive its roof.

Once settled in, owners with units on the road side will be favoured with a view of the eyesore which is the location of former school. The property, the site of the failed Watercolours project, will soon be in the news again.

The owners will be looking for permits to allow them to build on the site or swap it with another developer. The original plan for that site called for a structure much larger than of the condominium currently under construction. I wonder if we need two large buildings fronting Head Lake?

Michael Barnes
Haliburton

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Selling your property may be something you have thought of for some time now, a normal time frame while "sitting on the fence" is 2 years before people will actually pull the trigger and decide to sell. A thought however that does enter most minds when thinking of selling, "is there anything I can do to help sell or increase the value of my property?"

There is a real movement in general for people selling to seek this advice, sometimes it is from a realtor, sometimes its parents and sometimes a general contractor, the point is there are incredible opportunities to understanding what to do, how to do it, how much it will cost in relation to what the return will be and a time frame for preparation and completion to expose a property to the open real estate market in its "best" state, one that will bring back the most money.

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Sensible restaurants

To the Editor,

Why am I not surprised to read that Aniz is no longer in business.

When will the chefs in Haliburton County accept the fact that we are not a cosmopolitan city in Europe? We are a small town in rural Ontario. I am almost 100 per cent sure that if a survey were done, most residents of Haliburton would tell you that they would like a restaurant that serves comfort food like steaks, ribs, chicken and pasta. Simple basic food at reasonable prices. That is what we want.

In order to stay alive, local restaurants must cater to the local people. Tourists are only here for two months. The rest of us are here for 12 months.

Janet Bradley
Haliburton

The problem here initially was we didn't have the time to do the things Vince wanted us to do nor did we have the time to seek those who could do it for us, get quotes from a few different sources and get to the project in time to sell in the fall, this is where Vince came in. He met with a contractor, told him what should be done, got us a quote and within 3 weeks the cottage was ready! When we came up to list the cottage with Vince we couldn't believe our eyes and for a moment, now that it looked so good, we had a thought of actually not selling! It was that big of a change! At the end of the day we invested \$7,000 and realized an extra \$25,000 but more importantly it looked great, presented well, sold quickly and we never looked back...simply an amazing experience and one that we will tell to anyone who will listen!"

Greg and Diane Cartwright, Four Mile Lake, Fall 2010

There is a change in the marketplace, a change that is taking place that most people don't see or understand and that change is preparation, staging and understanding how to "maximize" value. I have been involved in more than a few of these stories, ALL with tremendous success and overall great experiences... I have to say also that I have had Sellers change their minds due to the incredible difference it made to the property, they just didn't think it could look that good.

Part of being a real estate professional is to fully take care of my clients, not just come up with a price out of thin air, put up a for sale sign, take a few photos and "hope", no, it is meeting with my client, analyzing the property and making professional suggestions as to changes that could be made to impact saleability and maximize value. Having said that, there are many, many properties that need nothing at all but in my 25 years of professional real estate experience more than 50% could have used some changes and those changes would have landed a lot more money in the Sellers' pockets. I would welcome a call or e-mail to discuss further what I can do for any Seller on this subject and I have more testimonials I could share and clients you can contact directly if you need more proof. Where I differ from most is that I have experience in landscape design and an understanding of building construction. I have a creative vision that helps people to "picture" the finished product and I can help you understand if you invest a dollar you can get 2 dollars back and a lot of times even more. Want to maximize your value? Call me...you have nothing to lose!

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Another theatre threatened

To the Editor,

One of Kinmount's treasures may soon be *Gone with the Wind*. In the near future, Highlands Cinemas opens its doors for its 33rd (and possibly final) season. Threat of closure looms from film companies' plans to cease production in 35mm format at the end of summer 2012, thus producing movies in digital format only. The cost to convert is phenomenal. Is it a viable venture for owner, Keith Stata, who shares this digital dilemma with all independent theatre owners? Keith will declare *The Verdict* following results of his 2012 season.

Highlands Cinemas is not "just a typical" movie theatre. It is also home to an astounding movie museum. Each year from May to October (in a town with a population of around 300) Highlands Cinemas plays first run movies and boasts annual attendance in excess of 55,000. Now *That's Entertainment!*

If you've been to Highlands Cinemas you've experienced the *Legend* of this unlikely building tucked away in the forest. You've been *Witness* to *The Incredible Hulk* of movie memorabilia wrapped in a *Labyrinth* leading to five themed theatres. Never been to Highlands Cinemas? You may want to *Seize the Day* sometime this season. Treat yourself to a *Fantastic Voyage* with a night at the movies, a *Night at the Museum* and most definitely *A Night to Remember*.

Will the *Network of Big Business* triumph with monopoly? Will Kinmount see *The Last Picture Show*? Without a *Shadow of a Doubt*, Kinmount cannot afford *The Sting* of such a loss. Though the present situation is *Rocky*, if the season goes well this *Lone Star* may not become *The Departed*. You can *Help* by attending Highlands Cinemas to support this one of a kind creation that put Kinmount *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* with *A Touch of Class* and *Fame*.

Whatever the outcome, since *Diamonds Are Forever*, Highlands Cinemas will certainly *Shine in Glory in Hearts and Minds, From Here to Eternity*. Fingers crossed - wishing and hoping to *Ever After* "See you at the movies!"

Lynne Kilby,
Kinmount

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Student generosity bubbles over

Christina Shaw
Co-op student

The staff and students of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, with the support of J.D. Hodgson Elementary School, participated in a two-week fundraiser that started on Feb. 14 and ended Feb. 29.

They raised money and boxed pasta for the local food banks around Haliburton

county (4Cs, Minden, Cardiff and Word of Life Outreach). It was a competition with the seven high schools in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, and Haliburton Highlands came in second place with a per capita of 2.46 items, contributing the value of 1,400 boxes of pasta. This is a dramatic increase from two years ago.

The first year Hal High participated in the pasta challenge they only got a per capita of 0.15. The next year Loretta Kerr ran the pasta

challenge and came up with some creative ways to get the students involved. The per capita of the second year was two.

This year Loretta ran the pasta challenge again. The school got more and more amped up as the days went on. Many teachers challenged classes to donate. There was a contest between juniors, seniors and the staff to see who could get the most boxed pasta. The secretary, Jackie Mayhew \$10. The staff dominated all the students in the contest.

At lunch they sold boxed pasta for only \$1, thanks to a deal Dollo's Foodland provided. There was also a pasta bar held where students could come and get a delicious pasta dish for \$3. The principal, Dan Marsden, made a deal with the students last year that every box of pasta someone gave he would double it and he did the same this year.

The pasta challenge was a great success that couldn't have been done without the support of the school and the community.

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Free the Children inspires local youth

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

It's not enough to just say you want to change the world.

When Amber Schuler of Free the Children came to town, she challenged the students of the socially conscious Speak Up team at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School to give specifics.

Stacks of pizzas, including plates of vegetables and fruit were devoured as Schuler sat down with the school's team to answer questions and to help plan their next major charity event.

The fundraiser will contribute to the team's effort to raise \$8,500 for a classroom to be built in a school in Ecuador. They have raised \$3,200 so far.

It was a rare opportunity for Schuler, who doesn't usually get to meet with students on such an intimate level.

Schuler was at JDHES on March 20 to give an inspirational address to all of its students along with the Grade 3s from neighbouring Stuart Baker Elementary School.

The students she spoke to appreciated the opportunity as much as she did.

Grade 8 student Paiten Smolen, who is a current Speak (Students Promoting Environment Activism Kindness) Up member, felt empowered and inspired to push forward with her humanitarian efforts after hearing Schuler.

"It showed people my age can make a difference," she said.

When Schuler spoke about the Hopscotch for Hope fundraiser, which was started by three girls that raised \$22,000 for two children's charities and a school, it reminded Paiten about the importance of what the few can do.

"It just makes you feel a lot more confident and feels like you have a much larger responsibility and that you are more trusted [in effecting change]," she said.

She hopes to get the opportunity to intern with the Free the Children, but has aspira-

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— Amber Schuler

tions to help animals by becoming a veterinarian.

The JDHES Speak Up team is the amalgamation of last year's groups: We Day workers, Eco Club, Student Council and the Character Education team. This enabled students who were often part of these clubs to be more efficient with their time and efforts.

The 23-year-old Schuler of Avonmore, Ont., a small town located an hour south of Ottawa, was first inspired to pursue international development work as a 16-year-old after visiting a community built on a garbage dump in El Salvador, as part of a humanitarian trip with Rotary International.

"That for me was the first time I've ever seen any kind of poverty. It was some pretty intense poverty that we were seeing. It hit and impacted me so much deeper than I had ever thought," she said.

The houses were situated on islands of trash, connected with bridges that spanned flowing rivers of waste, she said.

For a year and a half she has enjoyed every day of employment with Free the Children fuelled by a passion to make the world a better place for children all over the world.

"I feel like I have one of the best jobs in the world because I get to see young people every day that have ideas and passions," she said.



Darren Lum Staff

Free the Children outreach worker Amber Schuler visited with J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School students, leading an assembly, and then later sat down with the Speak Up team members to answer questions on Tuesday, March 20. Schuler has visited with close to 40,000 students since she started with the humanitarian group a year-and-a-half ago. She also visited the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Schuler has spoken to close to 40,000 students since she started with the Free the Children as an outreach speaker.

Former We Day worker and current Grade 9 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Ryot Munshaw joined when he was in Grade 8 because of his desire to raise the community's consciousness about challenges facing children.

He was invited to sit in with the group along with several peers from last year's group and appreciated the opportunity to share his insights with younger students and learn from Schuler.

Ryot, who is part of the Gay Straight Alliance at high school, learned the importance of marketing when trying to gain the community's attention.

Schuler at one time was like Ryot and Paiten.

She first learned about Free the Children when she heard a teenaged Craig Kielburger speak in person and discovered the difference one person can make.

The JDHES school group is working toward an event that could include a yard sale, car wash, fun station and bake sale. It is tentatively being called Soak Sale Saturday and has been scheduled for May 26.

Schuler's advice about planning this and other events is to keep it simple and ensure that the whole picture, details included such as permission and who should be contacted, are understood before taking on too much.

"You'll start to find that you're probably better to focus on two or three, or four main things that you're going to do because if you have too much then it'll get too crazy and out of control," she said. "People also won't

be able to focus on what the day is about."

JDHES teacher Laurie Bowker, who is a faculty facilitator for Speak Up with teacher Kimberly Veneziale and Matt Beaton, felt she and the students were re-energized by the visit at a time of the year when energy levels are low.

"You kind of wonder if all the work that we've been doing is worth it. Is it making a difference? She just reminds you that it is and every small little thing does make a difference," she said.

Bowker saw students not only get inspired, but recognized their own ability to influence positive change through Schuler's simple equation: passions plus issues equals change that was presented to a Grade 5 class.

"It really simplified it for kids to say: I can make a difference because I have things I'm good at. I have concerns about issues. I can bring those two things together and that's what ultimately makes the change," she said.

That afternoon Bowker gave each of the 13 classes \$5 and asked them to come up with an idea to grow the money or to return the money to be donated to the efforts to complete the goal of fundraising enough money to build the class.

Bowker emphasized to the children that anyone who wants to create change does not need to wait for a school or a club to lead an effort. Kielburger, she said, is an example of that. He founded the Free the Children humanitarian group, which has worked in 45 countries and provided education, health care, clean water and alternative income programs, when he was only 12 in 1995.

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'Everybody's just waiting for it,' landowner says of coffee shop

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26 meeting.

Owners of the property would like to rezone the land to permit a drive-through restaurant, allowing the prospective purchaser to construct a Tim Hortons.

The property is located at 5003 County Rd. 21 and is owned by Jerry Walker, who has been working on selling it to Tim Hortons for the past few months.

The sale is dependent on the restaurant's zoning application being approved, said Walker.

Tom Lucas manages real estate development for Tim Hortons throughout Ontario.

The property on County Road 21 is not the first the restaurant has considered building on, said Lucas.

"We have been looking for a while ... we couldn't proceed on the last site, so this was the next location in line," said Lucas.

A single family dwelling currently sits on the property, which will be demolished to allow for the restaurant's development, according to municipal planner Pat Martin's report to council.

It is unclear at this point when the restaurant will be constructed and completed.

"He's [Lucas] told me they want a building there this year," said Walker.

While Lucas wouldn't comment on a specific timeline he did indicate the project wouldn't be delayed once approvals were in place.

"Obviously we'd like sooner rather than later but we have guidelines we have to follow through the town and it depends on the public process," said Lucas.

According to drawings included in the zoning application, the restaurant will include a Cold Stone ice cream section, similar to newer Tim Hortons models in Bancroft and Lindsay.

The land is currently zoned suburban residential, with the applicant requesting it be changed to highway commercial, according to Martin's report.

The property is located in an area that allows commercial buildings within the Dysart official plan, said Reeve Murray Fearrey.

"The community has been asking for it. Hopefully this is an opportunity to work with the neighbourhood and resolve any issues and move forward," said Fearrey.

Others involved with the project believe Tim Hortons will be a good thing for the community, citing job opportunities as one reason to embrace the restaurant.

"Everybody's just waiting for it," said Walker.

Fearrey couldn't agree more.

"I'm excited about it ... the reality is there's a market there and we need to be where the market is," he said.

While some community members are anxiously waiting for the coffee chain to arrive, the corporation is also ready to move into the area, said Lucas.

"We've been trying to get up there for a long time, we want to be up there, we're looking forward to getting things rolling. This is a big first step," said Lucas.

Once the application has been accepted by council a notice to the public will be circulated.

"At this stage council hasn't taken a position on the file, they're just saying that the file can go out for a public meeting," said Martin.

A number of studies are required to support the project, including a storm water management report, a traffic study and a site plan agreement.

The proposal is consistent with provincial policy and conforms to the Dysart official plan, according to Martin's report.

The municipality will be seeking comments from the Haliburton County roads department, due to the location of the restaurant being on a county road.

A public meeting to discuss the zoning amendment is scheduled for May 7 at 5 p.m.



Tim Hortons is planning to open its first restaurant in Haliburton as it looks to purchase a property located at 5003 County Rd. 21. The company filed a zoning application with the municipality on March 26.

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MPP backs justice program

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

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I'm very much in favour of these youth justice restorative programs, because I think they make the most impact. The community is involved, the police are involved and it's a holistic approach to the young person.

— Laurie Scott

Local MPP Laurie Scott is hopeful the youth justice program that has been in place in Haliburton County for the past 11 years will continue.

Facilitated by Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, the Haliburton Youth Justice Committee is a program under the Ministry of Attorney General that offers restorative justice to first time young offenders of a minor crime.

Under provincial review, the program recently received four months of funding, instead of being renewed for a full year, as it previously has been.

Facilitators of the HYJC believe not only is the program cost-effective but it gives youth a chance at life-changing results.

Scott is also an advocate of the program, stressing its value to a community like Haliburton.

"I'm very much in favour of these youth justice restorative programs, because I think they make the most impact. The community is involved, the police are involved and it's a holistic approach to the young person," said Scott.

The program brings together those who have committed an offence, their parents, the victims and members of the community,

with the intent of finding a way for the youth to make amends for their actions.

Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time, estimates the program has helped more than 200 people since it started.

When appropriate programs are in place the chance of a repeat offence is much less, said Scott.

"This has got to be the most cost effective way of doing it," she said.

Initiatives such as the HYJC should not only continue but also be enhanced and maintained, said the MPP.

Scott believed the yet to be released provincial budget, scheduled for March 27, might have impacted the program's long-term funding.

The MPP said she would look for answers from the Ministry of Attorney General, but didn't expect any indication on the program's future until after the budget's announcement.

"These are the types of programs that actually save us money, so when you look at the big picture, it's these types of programs we want to keep going as they do have high success rates," said Scott.

Although Scott believed cutbacks needed to come in the future from the province, a program such as the HYJC should not be one to consider for the chopping block.

"There certainly has to be some things changed in government, we can't continue with debt and deficit, but not when you see cost effective programs that are actually helpful with young people. They should not go."

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Dixon's music stolen and sold on the Internet

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

For Carl Dixon it's a reflection of the current state of the music industry.

The local singer/songwriter has recently found himself the victim of music piracy, after he stumbled across certain Internet websites that were selling or giving away his music illegally.

Dixon came across the situation after he Googled himself.

One website based in England included every song Dixon has recorded as a solo artist, available for free.

Another offered his music for a fee, leaving Dixon with no idea how it got there or who is responsible for it.

None of the money from this website goes to Dixon.

"We're not talking about tons of money here, but the fact is it's symptomatic of where music awareness is going. It's a discussion of intellectual property and copyright, which is at the top of some international agendas right now," he said.

The recent findings are not the only websites guilty of committing this act, said Dixon, who has found other sites doing similar things in the past.

"The funny thing is people think they're doing you a favour sometimes, they like your music and they're sharing it with their friends. So they post it online," said Dixon.

Beginning with a few clever college students, downloading was brought in by the era of the Internet, resulting in a shift in where the music industry is heading.

Add to that file sharing technology and it has become easier to transfer bulk amounts of music between people.

While many record companies have tried to challenge this shift through lawsuits and legal battles, Dixon isn't sure there is much that can be done to fight the current trend.

"Unless you're somebody that makes art for mass consumption, people don't really have that awareness that they're hurting somebody by giving the product away, sharing it with everybody for free and not paying for it," he said.

In many cases those who are downloading music illegally or sharing it for free don't necessarily realize they are



Local singer/songwriter Carl Dixon has seen many changes to the music industry, including the digital era that has brought along music downloading and illegal file sharing. Dixon was recently the victim of Internet websites that were sharing his music illegally. /Photo submitted

hurting the artist, instead believing they are promoting the music.

"When I was with the Guess Who we would be doing shows and people would come up to us and say 'I downloaded your stuff,' meaning it as a compliment and not having any concept they were ripping the writers off not paying for the music. They thought we would be thrilled to

hear this."

The musician has looked into having his music removed from the various websites, however has since found the process of proving the act of illegal sharing a challenging one.

"They put the onus on people like me to prove that you do own the songs, by showing them all the copyright ... they basically make it extremely difficult, next to impossible, to register a complaint," said Dixon.

If the singer was in fact losing out on thousands of dollars he would go through the effort of digging up the necessary paperwork, however he doesn't believe that to be the case.

"I'm not Bruce Springsteen, so I'm not losing that kind of money," said Dixon.

According to the Recording Industry Association of America, music sales in the U.S. have dropped 47 per cent, from \$14.6 billion to \$7.7 billion, since 1999.

From 2004 to 2009 alone, approximately 30 billion songs were illegally downloaded on file-sharing networks, as reported on RIAA's website.

Understanding there is an acceptable amount of loss in any industry, Dixon believes numbers like this should not be tolerated.

"The advocates of those who give away music respond by saying they attend concerts. The problem is that young bands nowadays can't draw ticket sales the way that bands from 30 years ago still can ... because there isn't the mass marketing method available anymore," said Dixon.

While it is difficult to fight the changes brought about by the digital era, Dixon is hopeful someone down the road will discover a way to ensure music is shared legitimately.

"Whoever figures out the way to get everyone paid for their music will get rich, but will also be a hero to all the people trying to make a penny."

The singer is confident the way in which music is sold will eventually shift.

"The ways in which music is conveyed and sold and monetized are changing all the time."

Arguing there is no real way to fight the current trends in music, Dixon says it's a matter of adjusting your attitude and committing to the profession for the love of the music.

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The mite-y influence on forest canopies

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Sugar maple trees have more than caterpillars to worry about, an expert said at the U-Links annual Celebration of Research.

The U-Links Centre for Community Based Education connects the university and the community, combining their resources in its Community-Based Education Program in Haliburton County, which is supported by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the Township of Minden Hills and Trent University. This celebration event recognizes the research that is the result of the relationship between the university and the community.

Keynote presenter for the event, Dr. Sean Thomas, Canada Research Chair, Forests and Environmental Change Faculty of Forestry at the University of Toronto spoke to more than 50 people on Beyond the Pancake: The surprisingly strange ecology of sugar maple forest canopies.

He expanded upon the common knowledge about the sugar maple trees from his work, including his involvement with research conducted over the period of several years at the Haliburton Forest, which examined the canopies of the forest from above using the combination of a meteorological tower and cherry picking lift truck.

The research revealed what and how many leaves were lost.

Thomas said the single species that has the greatest effect on the sugar maple leaves is the spindle gall mites, which account for 3.7 per cent of the trees loss versus 7.7 per cent caused by all free feeding insects such as caterpillars and 11.5 per cent of average normal leaf loss. The galls that are visible to the naked eye are actually "apartments" for the mites, which can house between 50 and as many as 400 mites. This presence can adversely diminish the leaf's photosynthesis rate, he said. There is a direct correlation, he adds, between tree growth rate and the number of mites. In a square kilometre of forest there are 75 billion mites, including the leaf-cleaning mites that number grows to 100 billion mites.

He warned the public against using pesticides to control the mites, as they are resistant and this will also disrupt the

natural balance, hurting one of the predators of the mites, the *Tarsonema acerbilis*.

In regards to crown thinning, previous research at Haliburton Forest established a system of leaf loss measurement in the canopy to understand the effect on light levels.

He said managed stands of trees that use the practice of removing the larger trees create the undesired effect of actually allowing less sunlight. What happens are more young trees grow in the spaces when compared to old growth forests, which have more sunlight even though it retains its large trees. This has caused a decline in "mid-tolerant species" such trees like yellow birch, red oak and white pine that are a valuable commodity as much as they are ecologically desirable. Thomas said the answer is to gain better understanding of the natural dynamics of a for-

est for better management.

U-Links director Heather Reid thanked the provincial government for its funding via the Ontario Trillium Foundation, which has a three year commitment, and the continued support by the Township of Minden Hills Township and Trent University.

In attendance were politicians such as MPP Laurie Scott, who accepted the appreciation on behalf the province while Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid with Councillor Larry Clarke showed their support with their presence. Highlands East Councillor Joan Barton was also in attendance.

The afternoon event also included an opportunity for the public to learn about the variety of research completed by post-secondary students, who showcased 16 research presentation boards.

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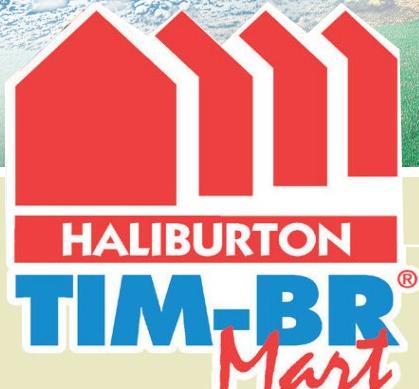
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The original residents Diane Everall, left, Carmen Webster and Ethel Lodge present the 20th anniversary cake for the Echo Hills Legion Apartments during the celebration event on Saturday, March 24. Absent from the photo was Doris Moore.

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Ginny Carmichael, left, helps serve a piece of 20th anniversary cake to Garry Bradshaw during the Echo Hills Legion Apartment celebration on Saturday, March 24.

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VCAD exhibition examines the pathway of creating

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

It took 29 of them to pull it off.

A new exhibition at the Rails End Gallery, Process 29, is compiled of pieces created by students in the Visual and Creative Arts Diploma class at Fleming College.

On display from now until March 31, the collection opened to a packed house on March 22 as friends and family members

came out in droves to support the work of the students.

Charged with the task of exploring the creative process, the exhibition got its name from the investigation that comes with bringing art to life, said Darlene Bolahood, coordinator of the VCAD program.

"I told the students to bring evidence of what you've been struggling with," said Bolahood.

Students exhibiting in the show include, Lauren Ogilvie, Luke Smit, Matthew W.

Pearce, Mitchell Doris, Emma May Ross, Andy Anderson, Caitlyn Bloch, Aaron Jones, Megan Marie Morritt, Jessica Brabant, Magic Karpet, Rob Stock, Giuseppe Zuliani, Andrew Hamlen, Michelle Tarkington, Tsiokeerio Brant, Emily Gurr, Meghan Gale, Justine Beauregard, Colin M. Smyth, Cree Tylee, Mandy Ryan, Meghan Didier, Donald S. Fitzgerald, Trent Denne, Elise Elena Verikaitis, Jessica Beaulieu, Nicole Bruce and Jamie Smerdon.

Curator of the gallery Laurie Jones

thanked the artists for all their creativity and hard work in putting the show together.

Fleming College principal Sandra Dupret also acknowledged the students, admiring them for their creativity and vision.

"I want to congratulate the class. You did a great job and there is incredible work here," said Dupret.

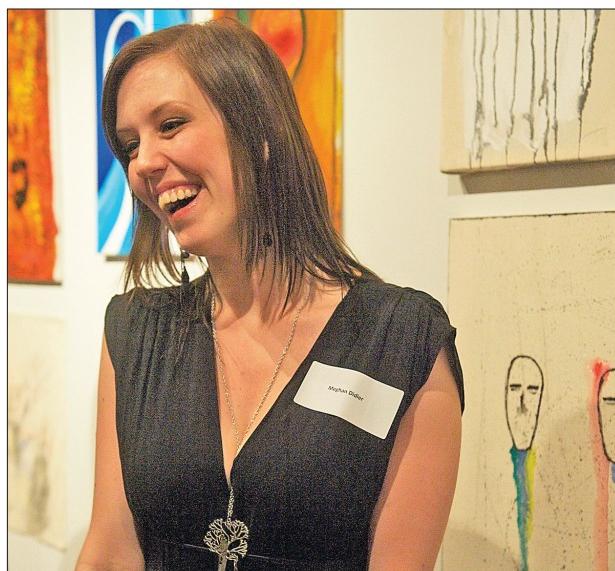
For more information on the exhibit visit www.railsendgallery.com.



Above, visitors at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton take in the artwork on display during the opening reception of Process 29, compiled of pieces created by students in the Visual and Creative Arts Diploma class at Fleming College. On display from now until March 31, the exhibit explores the idea of creating and the process involved in bringing art to life.



The artwork on display at the Rails End Gallery is a myriad of media, coming together for the exhibit.



Left, VCAD student Meghan Didier smiles during the opening reception of Process 29.

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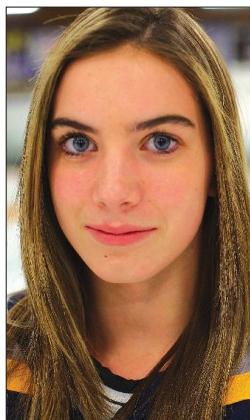
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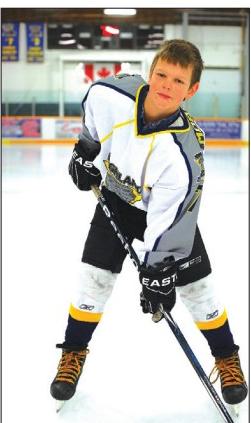
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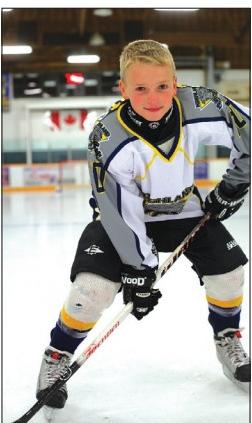
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Position: RW
Hometown: Minden



Carter O'Neil #12
Age: 11
Height: 4'9"
Position: C
Hometown: Haliburton



Ben Schmidt #14
Age: 11
Height: 4'11"
Position: C
Hometown: Haliburton



Aiden Garbutt #15
Age: 11
Height: 4'10"
Position: D
Hometown: Minden



Alexander Wilbee #16
Age: 12
Height: 5'1"
Position: D
Hometown: Minden



Mitch Billings #17
Age: 12
Height: 5'5"
Position: C
Hometown: Haliburton



Ryan Prentice #18
Age: 11
Height: 5'2"
Position: D
Hometown: Minden





Coach Dave McKay, Kevin Hamilton and Gordie Wood.



Cole Finlay #11
Age: 14
Height: 5'8"
Position: G
Hometown: Tory Hill



Angus Sullivan #11
Age: 14
Height: 5'6"
Position: D
Hometown: Haliburton



Lucas Esson #4
Age: 14
Height: 5'5"
Position: C
Hometown: Hawk Lake



Brenden McKee #15
Age: 13
Height: 5'5"
Position: A
Hometown: Haliburton



Damen Winder #19
Age: 14
Height: 5'6"
Position: LW
Hometown: Gooderham



Hunter Bishop #2
Age: 14
Height: 6'0"
Position: C
Hometown: Haliburton
Lake



Jaydon Wood #10
Age: 12
Height: 5'2"
Position: A
Hometown: Minden



Josh Rowden #16
Age: 13
Height: 5'3"
Position: RW
Hometown: Carnarvon



Morgan Hamilton #17
Age: 13
Height: 5'6"
Position: A
Hometown: West
Guilford



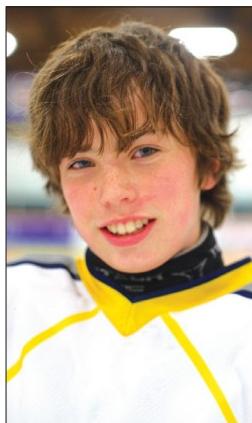
Ryan Edwards #9
Age: 13
Height: 5'2"
Position: D
Hometown: Carnarvon



Caleb Schmidt #7
Age: 13
Height: 5'4"
Position: D
Hometown: Haliburton



Drew VanLieshout #12
Age: 13
Height: 5'2"
Position: LW
Hometown: Haliburton



Kyle Lavergne #8
Age: 13
Height: 5'2"
Position: RW
Hometown: Haliburton



Austin McKay #30
Age: 13
Height: 5'3"
Position: G
Hometown: Haliburton



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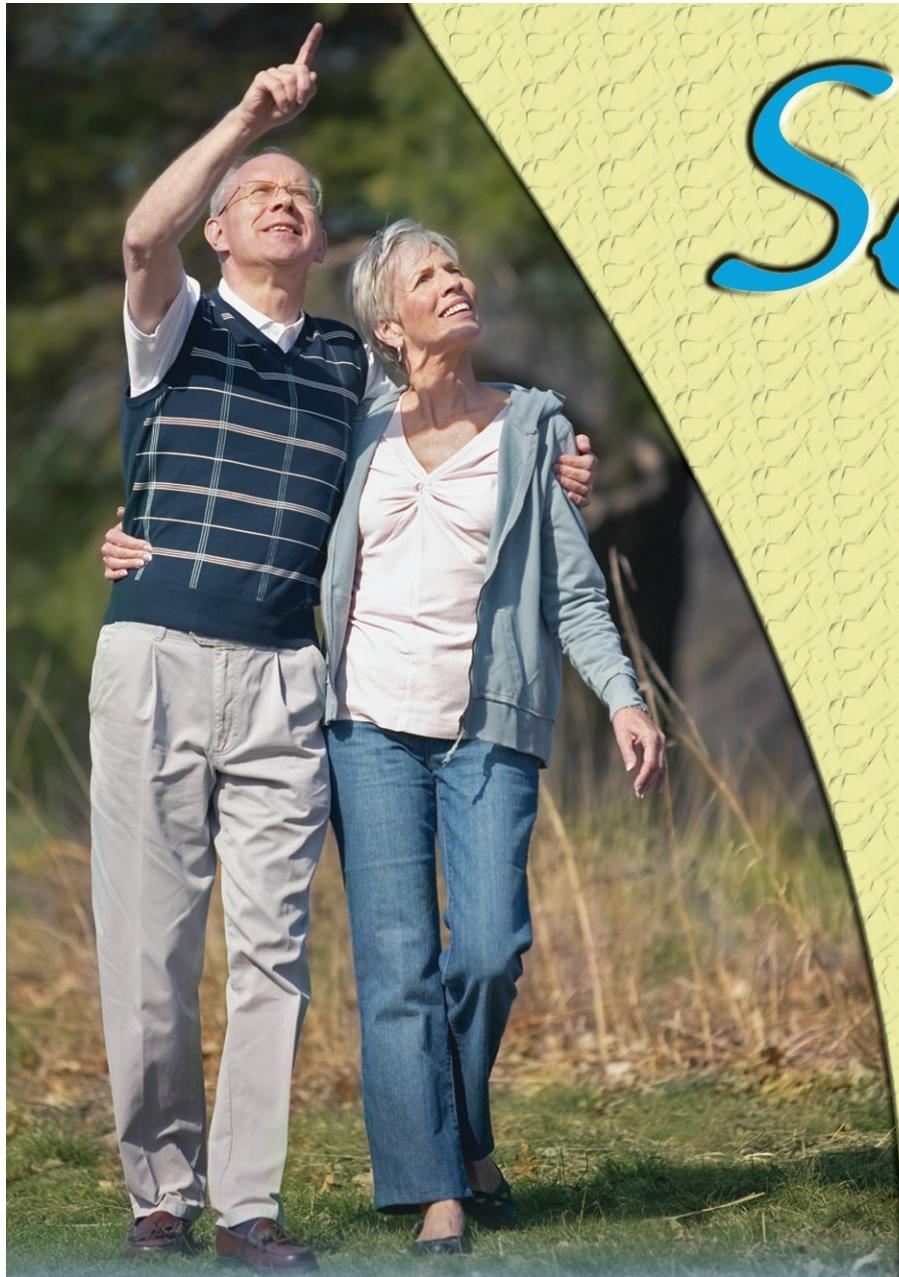
The Highland Storm Bantam AEs made it to the championship against Tavistock. They waged a hard-fought battle. See story on page 33. Sponsored by Dave's Landscaping and McKee Security.

Photos by Luke Schell

Senior Living

in Haliburton County

- Tax Tips for Canadians Over 50
- Yoga in Retirement
- Over 25 Years of Ears



TAX TIPS FOR CANADIANS OVER 50

Income split and save: Seniors are allowed to split up to half of their eligible pension income with a spouse or common-law partner. Income splitting allows some seniors to enjoy a significant tax reduction. In the situation where the lower-income spouse has very

little income, the tax savings are substantial.

Get your benefits: Any senior receiving Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) through Old Age Security should file on time to ensure their benefits continue uninterrupted.

Transfer amounts: If your spouse is unable to completely offset his or her age amount, pension income and disability amount against tax payable, he or she may transfer the unused portion to your return.

Caregiver amount: If you live with your children and you are over 65, they may be able to claim a caregiver amount for you if your income is less than \$18,906.

Foreign pension income: Pensions from foreign countries may be subject to special tax treatment under the terms of a tax treaty. Always check with a tax professional to find out if the pension you receive from a foreign source is taxable in Canada.

Split your CPP and save: You may be able to split part of your CPP retirement benefits with your spouse depending on how long you lived together when you were contributing to the plan. This is an advantage if one senior is in a higher tax bracket than the other. However, to do so, you must apply to Human Resources & Social Development Canada using Form ISP-1002. It cannot be done at the time of tax preparation.

Medical expenses can add up: If you purchase medical insurance for a trip or wintering in another country, it is considered a medical expense. Medical expenses are calculated based on income so the lower income spouse should claim them. And if you have to travel to obtain medical treatment that was not available where you live, you may be able to claim the cost of transportation, meals and accommodation.

WHERE'S MY TAX REFUND? What Is The Trillium Benefit?

The Ontario Trillium Benefit is a new super credit which combines the Ontario Energy and Property Tax Credit (OEPTC) the Northern Ontario Energy Credit (NOETC) and the Ontario Sales Tax Credit (OSTC).

How do I qualify for the benefit?
You MUST file a tax return before April 30, 2012 in order to start receiving the benefits. If you do not file, you will not receive any money.

When does the benefit pay?
It begins to pay July 2012 and pays on a monthly basis thereafter.

What if I don't file my tax return?
You will immediately lose out on these potential benefits:

- Ontario Trillium Benefit monthly payments
- GST/HST Credit quarterly payments
- Child Tax Benefit monthly payments
- Continuation of Guaranteed Income Supplement payments
- Working Income Tax Benefit
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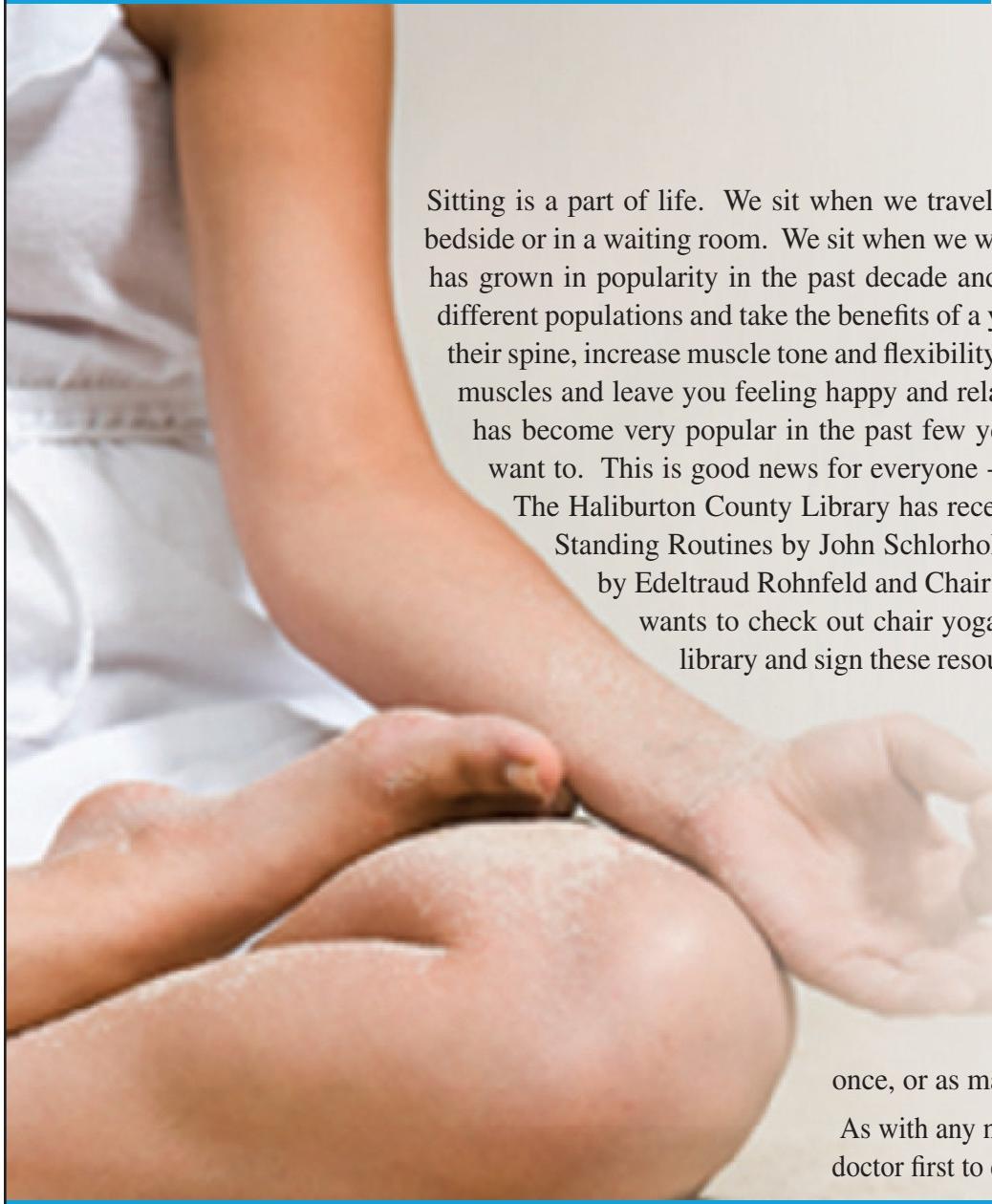
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**Lynda Shadbolt**

Tales from The Great Green Meadow

Sitting is a part of life. We sit when we travel on planes and buses, while we watch tv, when we sit at someone's bedside or in a waiting room. We sit when we work at our computers. Some people sit all day in a wheelchair. Yoga has grown in popularity in the past decade and many teachers have been creatively designing programs to reach different populations and take the benefits of a yoga practice to them. Yoga can help everyone to release tension from their spine, increase muscle tone and flexibility, let go of tightness in the lower back, lengthen hamstrings, strengthen muscles and leave you feeling happy and relaxed. And all of this can be done while seated in a chair. Chair yoga has become very popular in the past few years. You don't have to leave your house or your office if you don't want to. This is good news for everyone - desk jockies, people with limited mobility, travelers and caregivers.

The Haliburton County Library has recently purchased 4 new resources on Chair Yoga. 2 DVDs (Chair and Standing Routines by John Schlorholtz and Chair Yoga by Heather Garrell) and 2 new books (Chair Yoga by Edeltraud Rohnfeld and Chair Yoga for You by Olivette Baugh Robinson). If you are someone who wants to check out chair yoga in the privacy of your own home/ office then head on down to the library and sign these resources out! They are very user friendly and the explanations are easy to follow. It won't cost you a cent and you might just find something that you can use on a daily basis to help keep your body flexible and strong. If you are someone who would like to learn some of these exercises in a group format, then please come and join me at Introduction to Chair Yoga (based on these library resources) on Wednesdays April 4, 11, 18 and 25). The class will be held at the Dysart Branch of the Haliburton County Library from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. No experience is required. Participation is by donation to The Friends of Haliburton County Library. Bring water. You are welcome to come once, or as many times as you wish.

As with any new fitness activities, it is always recommended that you check with your doctor first to ensure that the yoga practice will be beneficial for your specific needs.

For more information about John Schlorholtz and his DVD check out

www.agelessyoga.org

<<http://www.agelessyoga.org>> .

If you have any questions about the Chair Yoga Class that I am going to lead please don't hesitate to contact me at 705-457-3121 or

email lshadbolt@sympatico.ca

<<mailto:lshadbolt@sympatico.ca>> .

For more information on other programs that are suitable for seniors please check out

my website at

www.haliburtonyoga.com.

Haliburton Yoga Fall Schedule

Haliburton



Yoga

Beginners, Seniors, Gentle, Moderate, Athletes Classes start Sept. 12

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Gord says, "I first provided hearing tests in Dr. Dawson and Dr. Holiday Rhode's offices in Minden in the mid-1980s. There was a need for my service, and since I had enjoyed the beauty of the Highlands from my early teens as a hiker and camper, it was not a difficult decision where I would work and live. I opened my first office in Minden. I purchased my home at Minors Bay." Since 1999, his home is in Haliburton Village.

"My wife Kathryn and I are so very grateful to live and work in this beautiful county," Gord continues. "We are here to serve the hearing impaired long after they receive their hearing aid(s). We are testing in four locations in Haliburton County: Minden, Haliburton,

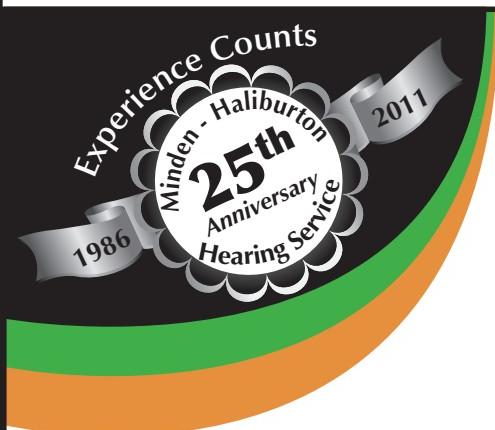


Darren Lum Echo staff

Hearing instrument specialist Gord Kidd shown at his Haliburton branch was last year's recipient of the Access Award for Haliburton region awarded by The Canadian Hearing Society Peterborough region branch.

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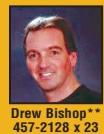
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457-2128 x 23**Cranberry Lake \$387,000**

- Newly renovated 2+2 bdrm, 2 bath.
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- Yr. round twnsp road, private.
- Large garage/workshop.

Drew Bishop 457-2128 x 23

**12 Mile Lake \$419,900**

- 3 BR cottage on one of Haliburton's finest lakes
- Viceroy style, lots of upgrades & winter water
- Awesome shoreline, large new dock, big lake view
- Year-round road, 16' x 14' storage garage for toys

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33

**Redstone Lake \$599,000**

- Beautiful Lk views on this large 3 Lk Chain;
- 425 Ft shore/1.04 acres, excellent privacy;
- 3 + 2 bdrms, 2 bath, rec rm, walkout & sauna;
- 2550 Sq ft, winterized sunrm & generator backup.

Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30

**Sayers Lake Building Lot \$349,000**

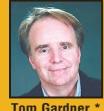
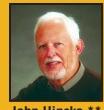
- Newly created lot with 196' ftg
- Sunset exposure and beautiful view
- Well treed, very private, driveway installed
- Deep water at shore, 5 lake chain

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24

**Haliburton Lake Cottage \$524,900**

- 2 BR cottage + 2 bunkies + 2 garage + loft
- Stone fireplace; hardwood floors;
- Double Lot with 183 feet of sand beach
- South exposure; boathouse; very private

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29

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286-2138 x 29**Spectacular Moore Lake \$239,999**

- Great turnkey package on a 3 lake chain
- Less than 2 hour commute from GTA.
- 3 BR cottage with open concept design.
- Great docking system, det garage, level lot.

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 X 29

**Hunter Creek Estates \$112,000**

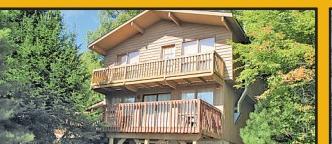
- Comfortable 2 Bedroom home
- Bright & spacious with Sunroom
- Paved drive with garage & workshop
- Land lease incl. gbg p/u & snow removal

Tom Gardner 286-2138 x 30

**Drag River Home \$239,000**

- 4 bedroom in-town home; country lot
- Room for a growing family
- Private riverfront across a quiet road
- Separate bunkie/studio; Sauna; Garage

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34

**Gull Lake \$549,900**

- Fully winterized 3 bedroom cottage
- Large 150' x 2 acre lot
- Fantastic sand beach
- Miles of boating pleasure

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25

**Rental Potential Haliburton \$229,900**

- All brick bung stunning private lot
- Upper floor 2 bdrm fully equipped
- Lower floor 1 bdrm fully equipped
- New roof drilled well town sewers 200 amp service.

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23

**Fox Lake \$129,000 & \$149,000**

- Large, private lots on a small, quiet lake
- Clean, sand and gravel shoreline
- South exposure
- Close to year-round access

Deb Deremo 457-2128 x 58

**Kennisis Lake South Exposure \$379,000**

- 3 bdrms, 1-4pc-2 piece ensuite
- Level lot, easy access, 4 season
- 1200 sq ft, fireplace, open concept
- Ig eat in kitchen, comes furnished

Gloria Carnochan & Cindy Muenzel 754-1932

**North Road Lots \$25,000 & \$26,000**

- 2.1 Acres and 3.95 Acres
- Close to Sir Sam's and Eagle Lake
- Hydro and Telephone at lot line
- Area of New Homes

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32

**Haliburton Lake - \$293,000**

- Home/cottage, fresh updated open concept
- Brick F.P., lg. bdrms, rec. & play rms.
- 1.5 acre hardwood forest, SE exp.
- Swim off your dock with clean sand bottom

Deborah Deremo 457-2128 x 58

**Home-In-Law-Studio! \$314,900**

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- 1 + 1 bdrm fully contained in-law apt., Dbl Garage
- Central to Haliburton & Minden off Cty. Rd. 21
- Basement studio or 1400 sq. ft extra living space!

Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22

**Bob Lake \$310,000**

- 3 bedroom cottage
- Open concept design
- Many recent renovations
- Lovely private setting

David Lee 286-2138 x 27

**Wenona Lake Deeded Access \$139,000**

- 2 bedroom 1 bath home on a pretty country lot
- Vinyl siding, metal roof, paved driveway,
- Master bedroom walkout to screened in porch
- Deeded access to beautiful Wenona Lake close by

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28

**Trooper Lake Cottage \$324,900**

- Waterfront Cottage - Southern Exposure
- 3 Bedrooms & Bunkie - Many upgrades
- New Kitchen & New Roof in 2009
- Sandy Shoreline, all day sun... Come and See!

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52

**5 Lake Chain! \$479,000**

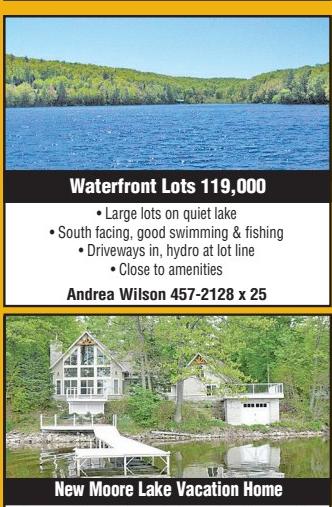
- Waterfront home with easy year round access
- Full finished basement with w/o
- Maintenance free siding
- Amazing view and close to town

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28

**Blairhampton Rd. Vacant Lot \$39,000**

- Located between Minden and Haliburton.
- Year round municipal road.
- Very private well treed lot with good building sites
- Driveway in, hydro and telephone service at lot

Gary Moffatt 457-2128 x 36

**Waterfront Lots 119,000**

- Large lots on quiet lake
- South facing, good swimming & fishing
- Driveways in, hydro at lot line
- Close to amenities

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25

**Kennisis Lake - West Shore \$429,000**

- 335' ftg; 3.05 acres of privacy
- Variety of shoreline; sand and rock
- Lots of space for trails; mature trees
- On paved road; driveway installed

Gloria Carnochan & Cindy Muenzel 754-1932

**Haliburton \$208,900**

- 3 BR home lrg lot a fabulous fenced backyard
- windows '09, front deck '08, hardwood floors
- slate entry, sewer connection paid, master ensuite
- walkout finished bsmt garage screened porch

Anne Moulton 286-2138 x 24

**Kushog Lake \$359,000**

- Cottage plus Bunkie
- Winterized
- 3+1 bedrooms
- Deep off dock

Lee Gauthier 489-9968

**Beech Lake \$165,000**

- Narrow but deep lot
- Small 2 bdrm cottage at water
- Year round road
- Clean waterfront

Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968

**Haliburton-by-the-Lake \$279,500**

- 4 Bedrooms & 3 Baths; over 3000 sqft.
- Huge 2 car garage; unfin bsmt; MF laundry
- Open concept design with Fireplace & walk out
- Includes common area park by the lake

Wilfred VanLieshout - 457-2128 x 27

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Reads of the week



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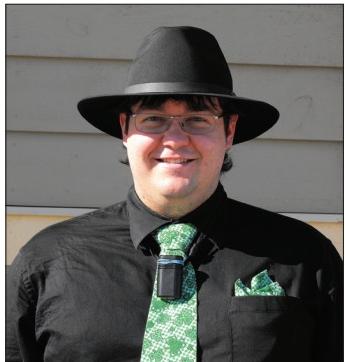
The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

After a tumultuous childhood growing up in the foster-care system, Victoria Jones has experienced so much emotional trauma that she has resorted to using the hidden meanings of flowers as her primary means of communication. When a local florist discovers her talents, Victoria realizes she has a gift for helping others through the flowers she chooses for them. She begins to build a meaningful life for herself in floristry, but the discovery of this gift will force her to confront her own painful past, in particular the one life-altering connection she once had with another person. *The Language of Flowers* is available in print, talking book and e-book formats at the Haliburton County Public Library.

she races to the top of her first mountain, her whole world is flipped upside down. She finds herself falling, riding a wave of rocks. She is injured but is able to move. Her sister and stepfather, however, are trapped by the avalanche. Now Raven faces wild animals and treacherous terrain as she goes for help. Can she survive long enough to save her family? Witness Raven's tenacity and courage in *Facing The Mountain*, available at your library.

Local Celebrity Read:

Reuben Maughan, a library board member, music director with the Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes and an English teacher for the Virtual Learning Centre, recently finished reading *The Accident* by Linwood Barclay.



Junior Book of the Week:

Junior Fiction Title

Facing the Mountain by Wendy Orr

From the author who brought you *Nim's Island*, comes another incredible adventure for young girls. 11-year-old Raven is hiking in the Rockies with her family. But when

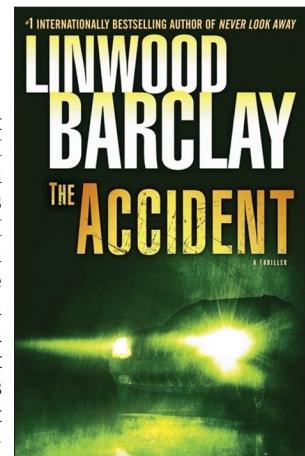
The Accident, an 2012 Evergreen nominated title, follows Glen Garber, a building contractor and your everyday average guy. In the wake of an economic recession that is compromising his business, Glen feels he has enough to worry about; that is, until he learns that his wife, Sheila, was killed in a car accident. Most shocking to Glen is that his always responsible wife was to blame, apparently drunk at the wheel. Desperately searching for answers, he soon discovers that the mother of his young daughter may have been involved in shady black market dealings – and her car crash may not have been “accidental” after all.

“*The Accident* was like reading an onion, with one astounding layer after another,” says Maughan. “It took me a while to get into this book, an unusual experience for me. It is a shame such a good book has such a stilted start – I feel like I would never have finished the book, if I didn’t have a friend’s endorsement.”

Maughan’s opinion of the storyline quickly changed after the initial chapters, however, culminating in Chapter 49. “Chapter 49 was just excruciating, annoying, blissful suspense – I loved every minute,” he says, praising Barclay’s skilled work with the thriller genre. “I was panicking near the end of the book, thinking – you are *not* going to leave the most important question

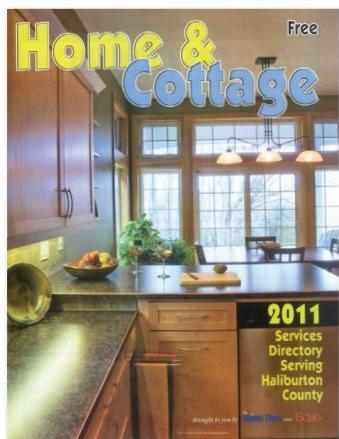
unanswered, are you!?”

Maughan concludes, “The first thing I thought when I finished was – now, can I teach this in a course? The plot, although tidy, is not in a simple format – those twists that make it such an exciting read, are confusing when studying simple plot elements. Given teaching time constraints, I’m not sure it is usable in the classroom, so for now, this one goes in the ‘really good read’ pile, and not in my ‘future teaching material’ pile.”



News & Events:

Get ready for the Easter bunny with kids programming at the Haliburton County Public Library. Join us for crafts, stories and other fun activities on Saturday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m. in the Minden branch and 1:30 p.m. in Dysart branch.



Home & Cottage Services Directory

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It's back... with a fresh look and a wide scope of home and cottage services and professionals in the service industry.

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AD DEADLINE: Wednesday, April 4th



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Our excellent spring break adventure

Maybelle's



Fireside stories

Why, there was nothing broke about Spring Break here in Lake Whaddya think I mean, but what did need fixing was poor ol' Twindle Mumbly's spirit. You see, this time every year he gets all sad thinking about the loss of his pet ant, Fluffy, who accidentally bit the dust when Twinkle was watching him do a quadruple wrench-hammer back flip in the palm of his hand and he got so excited, he started clapping, don'tcha know.

Sooooo, Vilma Yuccch, Officer Stanley Penelope McBotton, Beanpole Starkman, Sybil Beaucannon-Hughes and yours truly took Twinkle to the Big Smoke for a Spring Break adventure to cheer him up!

Let's go to East India town, Sybil said. The curry's DEEVINE and they've got sari shops galore.

Sorry shops? Twinkle said. I feel sorry enough as it is.

No, S-A-R-I shops. Gorgeous gem-covered silks that women wrap themselves in like cocoons. And long bejeweled shirts and pajama bottoms for men.

And goofy looking wigs on those mannequins' heads, I said.

Maybelline! You've been in a SARI shop?

Oh yes, dear. Beans Bendel took me when I was in Toronto to see his band, Gastritous, play at the Left Arrd-vark On The Right, don'tcha know.

Then before we knew it, we were in Gupta's all-you-can-eat East Indian buffet on Gerrard Street near Coxwell filling our plates like there was no tomorrow. Nine vegetarian dishes, seven chicken and goat dishes, plus rice every color of the rainbow and that yummy tasting basmati rice, chutneys, and appetizers so tasty that ol' May-

belle kept going back for more.

And did I mention dessert, the likes of which Twinkle, Vilma, Beanpole and Officer McB had never seen before? Deep fried cake-like balls saturated with honey and rose-water.

DEE-LISSHSHHHH! Sybil said in her upper crusty British accent.

Twinkle liked them so much he went back three times and made dessert his main course. As for me, watching him smile again was my dessert.

The sari shops were next. And if we all didn't try on some of those exotic garments, don'tcha know.

Why, Vilma and Officer McB even bought a his and hers to wear just for themselves. (The styles were way too fussy for our Lake W Legion and curling parties; but, they were just the ticket to keep those love birds' sparks flying.)

And if we didn't all pitch in and buy Twinkle a light blue satin hat, don'tcha know. Even though he said he'd never wear it, we caught him checking himself out in the mirror, shifting it on his head at an ever-so jaunty angle.

Next ... ol' Maybelle's favourite shop hugged my senses right at the doorway. Aromatic spices: cardamom, coriander, turmeric, cumin, fennel, fenugreek, cinnamon and more, lined rows and rows of shelves. And incense! Why my nostrils went straight to rose. My hand went straight to my wallet. (I bought six boxes). And my imagination

went straight to the land of Mahatma Gandhi.

Then, just to make sure there was no chance of Twinkle falling back into a sad state over Fuffy, we headed straight to Corktown and the Wednesday ukulele open mike night. What a hoot that was. Especially when an older gent got up and played and sang *Chattanooga Choo Choo*. Boy could he sing. And what a terrific ukulele player to boot.

Why, Twinkle clapped so hard his hands turned red. And, Vilma seeing Twinkle look so happy planted a great big kiss on his cheek. And if the red in his hands didn't jump straight to his face, don'tcha know.

Maybe this time next year, Twinkle will remember the fun we had in the Big Smoke. But if he still needs cheering up, we'll just take him on another Spring Break adventure.

After all, that's what friends are for, don'tcha know.

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Hope springs eternal with new season

➤ Haliburton set to host a Kawartha pre-qualifier on Wednesday

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

A new year brings renewed optimism, as the Red Hawks badminton team prepares for the 2012 season.

Coach Bob Schmidt has been putting his team of 12 players (six girls and six

boys) through its paces since the start of this month in preparation for pre-qualifying matches this week.

Despite fewer players compared to last year, the Red Hawks have shown great discipline and commitment to improving, said Schmidt.

With less than 16 players, 16 being the number needed for a full team, the team will not be eligible to compete for the team category though.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) squad will host the junior Kawartha pre-qualifier on Wednesday, March 28.

Matches start at 10 a.m. and are

expected to finish close to 3 p.m. depending on the number of competitors.

Schmidt said the tournament would host six schools (Brock High School, Fenelon Falls Secondary School, I.E. Weldon Secondary School, Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute and St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School), including HHSS.

He expects upwards of 60 players to compete. The top six in each category (doubles, mixed-doubles and singles) will advance to the next round of competition.

The senior players will play today in a Kawartha pre-qualifier at I.E. Weldon.

HHSS is scheduled to host the senior Kawartha final on April 11.

Red Hawks notes:

Last year's senior boys' team of Jesse Schmidt and Drew Paul finished as the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletic (COSSA) champions and were Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association finalists. Both have graduated. The juniors last year finished as the best team at the COSSA championships.



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Senior Red Hawks badminton team member Darcy Schmidt is one of several athletes joining the senior ranks this year. Last year Schmidt and mixed-doubles partner Ali Hicks won a Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship gold medal.

Silver lining to Red Hawks alumni curling season

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

It might not have been the best way to cap off the season, but Red Hawks' alumni Jake Walker and Ed Cyr still have reason to be proud about their silver medal won at the 2012 Canadian Interuniversity Sport/Canadian Curling Association (CIS/CCA) Curling Championship hosted by Brock University at the Welland Curling Club on Sunday, March 18.

The former Red Hawks curlers Walker and Cyr, who are on the Waterloo University Warriors curling team, fell short of the national university title when they lost to the University of Alberta Golden Bears 7-1 in the gold medal game.

In an interview after the game Walker said he was disappointed and that his team was unable to make the shots needed for victory, as they did leading up to the gold medal game. They didn't have it for the final, he added.

Over the phone, Walker told the *Echo*, "We're happy. Bottom line: It sucks not to win, but it's also satisfying to be one of the best teams in Canada," he said.

The Warriors were on track to win their first national title, winning the semifinal game against host team, the Brock University Badgers. They finished the round robin with a 5-2 record.

Teammate and longtime friend Cyr thought playing on the national stage was incredible.

"This was my first CCA national event and the opportunity to play against well known juniors like [Brendan] Botcher and [Brett] Gallant (former Canadian junior champions) was great. I met tons of new curlers (much different than [the provincials] where I think I've curled with someone on every team at some point) and got to see how I rank at a national level," he wrote in an email. "It's disappointing not getting to wear the [Canadian] leaf on my back but winning silver makes me want to get back next year even more."

He played in the CIS championship in 2008 when it was a "sign up and go" event compared to the prestigious event it has become that only qualifies eight teams to play.

Walker, the team's skip, led all skips with a 76 shooting percentage with teammate Cyr finishing just behind with 75 shooting percentage during the championships. Both were named to the CIS first-team all-Canadians. Geoff Chambers, second, earned his second-team all-Canadian position with a 74 shooting percentage.

"It just goes to show that we were definitely the top two teams there. It's very satisfying knowing that," Walker said.

"It was a huge honour to win CIS first-team all-Canadian, and it gives me confidence about my abilities going into future curling events," Cyr said.

As far as next year, nothing is guaranteed, Walker said, adding he and Cyr, who will pursue a master's degree, want to be part of next year's squad.

The try out process includes several rounds, but Walker believes with the kind of year the team had it makes sense to keep the same team, excluding teammate Chambers who is not expected to rejoin the team next year, he said.

Cyr continues to appreciate the support he and Walker have received, pointing out their former high school coach, Tom Dibblee visited the pair during the weekend of the championships.

The Warriors finished the season with 22 wins and six losses.

It's disappointing not getting to wear the [Canadian] leaf on my back but winning silver makes me want to get back next year even more.

— Ed Cyr

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Coach Yake honoured by OFSAA

By Bruce Griffith

The following is a speech written by friend and co-coach Bruce Griffith.

On Wednesday, March 21, Ron Yake was honoured at

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9 a.m. Zion United Church, Carnarvon
11:15 a.m. Haliburton United Church



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St. Margaret's – 5 pm
St. George's – 7:30 pm

Good Friday – April 6
St. George's – 10:30 am Devotional Music
(choir, organ & guest cellist Bethany Houghton)
11:00 am Good Friday Liturgy
St. Margaret's – 3 pm – Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Day - April 8
St. George's - 8 am and 9:30 am
St. Margaret's – 11:15 am

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Could this be the Christ?" – John 4:29*

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the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations Hockey Banquet in Peterborough with the OFSAA Leadership award. Every year one coach in Ontario is given this award. I believe this is the first time a coach from HHSS has received this award! Below is the speech I wrote to honour Ron.

Ron Yake started coaching high school hockey in 1988 with former NHL star Ron Stackhouse at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

For the next 24 years he never missed a practice or game and developed a school sporting program unequalled in Haliburton County.

Every hockey player who grows up in the Haliburton area dreams of playing for the Red Hawks under Coach Yake, it's the team to make!

Never do the coaches have to take attendance at hockey practices, the desire to improve and play as a Red Hawk is ingrained into every player year after year. Coach Yake has had many players go to semi-pro hockey in Europe and the States, the NCAA, the OUA and recently the NHL.

This passion comes from a winning program with a long list of successes and a coach who is a thinker and who always tries to bring the best out of his players.

Success in hockey does not come easy and with patience and dedication Coach Yake's program started to gain fame in 2004 with a trip to OFSAA and an Antique Bronze Medal win.

In 2007 with the help of superstar Matt Duchene the Red Hawks won COSSA AA and another trip to OFSAA, in 2010 another trip to OFSAA.

The highlight of Coach Yake's career has been the past two seasons; last year both Yake boys were on their father's team and they played undefeated in their regular season and won all three tournaments entered, Lake Placid, Ottawa and the St. Pete's A division.



Coach Ron Yake chats with a player during practice in this file photo.

We thought this kind of season could never repeat itself but this year the Red Hawks again went undefeated in regular season and won both the Maxwell Classic and the St. Pete's A division tournaments.

Coach Yake's philosophy is not about winning. It's about working hard, loving the game and great things will happen.

One of his famous quotes is: "It's not easy to win. Enjoy the success of hard work!"



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March 31
Haliburton - 4:30 pm

Our Lady of Mercy Church
Bridge Street West, Bancroft

April 1
Bancroft - 9:30 am

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday
(Mass of the Lord's Supper)
April 5
Bancroft and Haliburton - 7:00 pm
(Adoration until 9:00 pm)

Good Friday
(Celebration of the Passion of the Lord)
April 6
Haliburton and Bancroft – 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday
(Easter Vigil)
April 7
Haliburton - 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday
(The Resurrection of the Lord)
April 8
Bancroft - 9:30 am

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Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
Holy Thursday – 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm
Good Friday – Following the 3:00 pm Liturgy



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Tavistock overtakes Storm Bantam AE's in finals

The Highland Storm Bantam AE team sponsored by Dave's Landscaping and McKee Security began their OMHA final series versus the Tavistock Titans this past weekend. They played the opener Friday night before a packed house in Tavistock. It was quickly apparent that the Storm would be in tough as the Titans held an immense edge in size and speed. It was the Storm, however, who struck first as Jaydon Wood was sent away on a two-on-one break with a nice pass from Ryan Edwards. Wood's shot found the back of the net to give the Storm the early lead. The Titans responded quickly, however, with two goals in the next two minutes and finished the period up 2-1.

The home team scored two more in the second before Hunter Bishop was sent in alone with a feed from Wood and his goal brought the Storm back to within two at the end of the frame. The third period was a back and forth affair and it looked bleak for the Haliburton boys until Brenden McKee scored with assists from Bishop and Wood to close the deficit to one with 3:53 left. However, the miracle finish was not to be as the Titans scored twice more to cement the victory, 6-3.

On Saturday, the boys looked to turn the series around, however, it was Tavistock who got off the mark early and often. They were up by four goals halfway through the second before the Storm could get on the board. Bishop scored from a sharp angle with Angus Sullivan drawing the assist.

Unfortunately, Bishop was ejected from the game 20 seconds later on a questionable hitting from behind call as the opposing player turned his back just before the contact. It was especially harsh as that meant Bishop would also miss the next game. Tavistock scored once more before the end of the period and went into the intermission up 5-1.

Wood scored twice in the third with assists going to Ryan Edwards and Caleb Schmidt but the Titans matched those two goals with two of their own and won 7-3.

Game 3 in Haliburton was do-or-die time for the Storm. With team captain and leader Hunter Bishop suspended, they were happy to welcome back Damen Winder from the injury list and called up Maddy Allore. Once again, it was Tavistock who were fastest off the mark. They scored two in the first and two in the second before the Storm could reply. Goals by Josh Rowden and Wood closed the gap going into the third. Kyle Lavergne assisted on both goals while Wood and Ryan Edwards each got one assist.

Tavistock scored the only goal of the third and wrapped up the series and OMHA championship with a 5-2 victory. Congratulations to the Titans for a well-deserved victory and a well played series and also to the Storm who never quit and never stopped trying. The saga does not end here as the Bantams now face Parry Sound for the MPS AE championship.

Submitted by Doug Sullivan



Darren Lum Staff

Bantam AE centre Lucas Esson, left in white, of the Highland Storm fends off his checkers during a rush with a puck in post-season action against the Tavistock Titans at Dysart Arena on Sunday, March 25.



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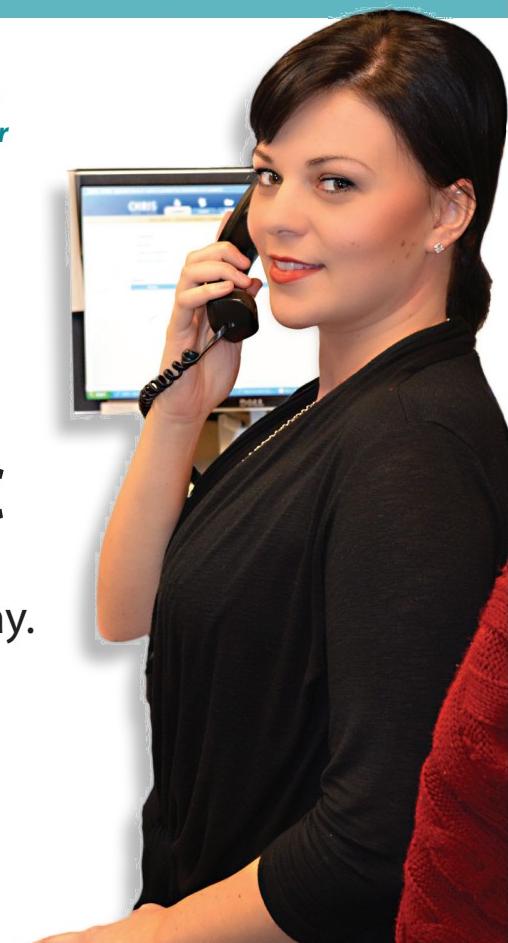
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Left, Mark Arike, as Michael Jackson, shows his water moves.

Below, Jason Novak of Markham records Haliburtonian Jack Hogarth's fall in the pool of water.

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Volunteering - keeping us young and inspired

Nancy Brownsberger,
SIRCH Community Services

Not very much has been written about the benefits of volunteering other than the obvious; volunteering helps in career development, volunteering is a good way to share skills and it is the foundation of communities but recently there have been some interesting statistics coming out about volunteering being good for your health.

Over the next 30 years, the Alzheimer's Society of Canada tells us that "10 million baby boomers will be turning 65" and that golden number will be wrapping up their careers and looking to do something to keep their minds and bodies agile. Well I'll tell you that volunteering is the answer. According to CharityVillage.com "Doing 40 to 100 hours of volunteering a year can have a positive impact on your health" and Mayo Clinic Research states that "volunteering lowers your risk of heart disease, may help you feel younger and even live longer." Whether you are young or old, volunteering can help you wave off depression, increase confidence and keep you in top physical health. There is one caveat to this though - you have to "genuinely care" says

Stephanie Brown, Ph.D. associate professor of preventive medicine at Stony Brook University in New York. She refers to it as the "givers glow" (as found in the book *The Hidden Gifts of Helping*, Dr. S.G. Post Ph.D.). According to the book "when you imagine helping someone, a part of the brain lights up. When people just think about giving, the body doles out feel-good chemicals such as dopamine, which has a soothing effect, and possibly serotonin, one of the brain chemicals we use to treat depression - hence the "givers glow."

Previous research on volunteering has always focused on how people "feel" about volunteering and how it has helped them, but it hasn't looked into how volunteering improves older adults' cognitive functions such as memory and attention. Baycrest Hospital in Toronto has begun a study entitled the BRAVO project in order to figure out how exactly volunteering affects the brain of the volunteer and this research project will focus on the scientific link between the act of volunteering and how it affects brain health.

To that I say, volunteer! Often! Well! And with Passion! Who needs Botox when spending a little time helping your neighbours will keep you young and inspired?

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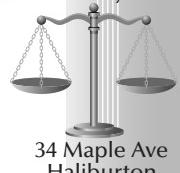
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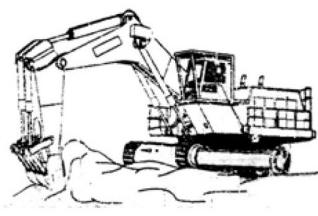
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You must have had family happenings which would be news to the rest of us. Have you returned from a trip or been to a show in Toronto? Any call will be welcome.

Jim and Margaret Milne attended the NDP leadership convention in Toronto on the weekend where Thomas Mulcair was chosen leader of the official Opposition.

Euchre news: high score, Barbara Brownsberger and Bill Marshall; most lone hands, Anne McIvor and Reg Coulter; most specials went to Kay Morrison and Bill Marshall.

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Barbados tour scores

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

There were more than wins of value to the Red Hawks girls' varsity field hockey team that toured the island country of Barbados from March 10 to 17.

With a year of planning, the trip gave the teens (who paid for this trip out of pocket) the opportunity to immerse themselves in another culture during a visit that included sightseeing, interacting with other high school students and three friendly matches.

The Red Hawks played well, despite average temperatures of 40 C with humidity of more than 80 per cent, winning one game (5-0 against Alexandra High School on grass) and losing (2-0 to the Barbados junior national team on grass and 1-0 to Combermere High School on Astroturf, which was the team's first experience on the surface, at the Barbados Olympic Centre).

"The girls adjusted to the weather, field conditions and rules of play very well. They played exceptionally well against all the teams. They represented Haliburton High with pride and demonstrated a high level of skill. This was an amazing opportunity for them to be immersed in another culture through sport. I am very proud of their accomplishments; they are such great ambassadors and a wonderful group of young ladies. We had a fantastic trip," coach Caley Sisson wrote in a prepared letter. "This was a great way to kick off our 2012 season and say farewell to three of our senior players: Grace Diezel, Vicky Bukta and Lily Coneybear. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours."

Common fouls called in Ontario such as third party and swing and miss are not part of the rules in Barbados, Sisson said. To minimize foot fouls, every player there wears white shoes and all games used a white a ball. However mouth guard use is not mandatory.

During the tour the girls got to visit the high schools and speak with the athletes that they played against. They noticed differences such as the dress code being dictated by the grade level and that high school is for students aged between 11 and 18. When children are 10 they all must write a placement test to determine the level in which they will enter high school.

"A big thank-you to all parents for their continuous support of the field hockey program at HHSS. Your time, commitment and dedication are greatly appreciated and this trip would not have been possible without you. On behalf of the girls and myself, I would like to thank Coach Smith and Mrs. Smith as well as Mr. and Mrs. Griffith for giving their time to support the team on this trip," Sisson said.

-files from Caley Sisson

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE DARLENE ISABELLE FEARREY

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of **DARLENE ISABELLE FEARREY**, late, of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 15th day of February 2012, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 4th day of April 2012.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice.

Dated at Haliburton, Ontario this 7th day of March 2012.

RAYMOND G. SELBIE
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P. O. Box 699
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First row, left, Max MacNaull, Josh Boice, Chase Burden, middle, Ryan Hannah, Devyn Prentice, Matt Wilbee, Parker Smolen, standing, Chris Thompson, Ethan Keefer, Kyle Cooper, Greg Crofts, Mark Saville. Absent from photo, Andrew Hall, Jake Bull and Jake Bishop.

Photo Karena Crofts

Peewee As invoke the right stuff

Dr. Ed Smolen Family Dentistry sponsored Peewee As had waited a while to continue the playoff series for the MPS Division Championship.

Having defeated Huntsville they were now to face Parry Sound in the final best two out of three games for the championship. Our first game was Friday, March 23 in Humphrey approximately 10 minutes from Parry Sound.

It was nice to have the good weather for the drive. The Highland Storm Peewee As were four players short for the first game, but most of our players have played with a short bench over the last few seasons and we hoped this would help them get through this game. It was an exciting fast paced game with the Storm out-skating and outplaying the Shamrocks. The Storm scored first with a goal by Chase Burden assisted by Chris Thompson in the first period. The Shamrocks tied it up either near the end of the first or the beginning of the second, and then they got a one-goal lead only to have it tied with an unassisted goal by Greg Crofts.

The game remained tied to the end of the third period despite efforts by both teams to get the winning goal, forcing the game into overtime of five minutes of four on four. The Storm boys continued their effort despite the short bench, and the overtime period and a short time into overtime Matt Wilbee took the puck and put it into the Shamrocks' net for the win of 3-2.

The two teams' next meeting was on Saturday, March 24 in Haliburton and the Storm were lucky enough to be only three players short for this game but it made no difference they had come to win! From the drop of the puck in the first period they showed it by getting six goals in the first period (Wilbee assisted by Burden and Max MacNaull; Ethan Keefer assisted by Crofts and Kyle Cooper; Keefer assisted by Kyle Cooper; Cooper unassisted; Mark Saville assisted

by MacNaull; and for a hat trick, Keefer again assisted by Crofts).

The second period saw less scoring; Parry Sound managed one goal only to have Wilbee match it assisted by Burden and Keefer. At the top of the third period, the Storm was well ahead but you never know what is going to happen with a period of hockey left to play. Parry Sound came out and managed two more goals at the beginning of the third, once again to have them match by Wilbee (2) assisted by Keefer, MacNaull and Thompson. This gave Wilbee a hat trick plus one, try as he might he was unable to get another goal and finishes the season with 69 goals to his credit. Parry Sound managed one more goal but the win was to the Storm at 9-4, making the Highland Storm Peewee As the Muskoka Parry Sound Division champions!

I would also like to mention our two goalies who played a great game - Parker Smolen and Ryan Hannah - also, forwards Devyn Prentice and Josh Boice and our missing players whose efforts through the season helped to get the team to this win: Jake Bull, Andrew Hall and Jake Bishop. We would like to thank the boys for a great season of hockey, the bench for their time and effort, the officials (as we rarely take time to say it) and of course the fans, newspapers and radio for their support and coverage. See you next season, have a safe and good spring and summer.

- submitted by Karena Crofts

Notices

The County of Haliburton



NOTICE

The Council of the County of Haliburton will be discussing the draft 2012 budget at their regularly scheduled Council meeting on **Wednesday, March 28, 2012** and further

Take notice that a Special Meeting of Haliburton County Council to discuss the 2012 budget will be held on **Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.** Both meetings will be held in the County Council Chambers at 11 Newcastle St., Minden. The public is invited to attend.



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REQUEST FOR QUOTE Wooden Step Replacement

The Municipality of Dysart et al is inviting quotes for the replacement of the wooden steps and stringers located at the intersection of York Street and Highland Street leading down to the parking area.

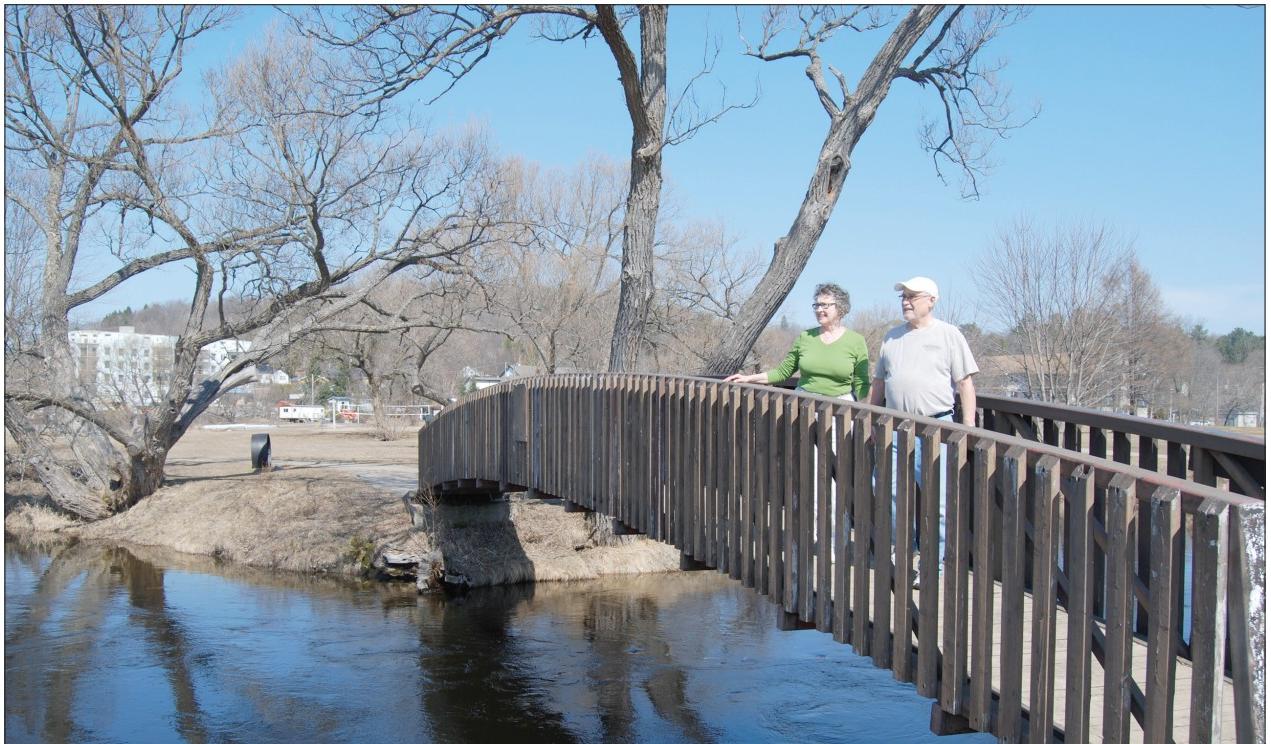
The job is the total replacement of the steps and stringers ensuring that the new steps adhere to the Ontario Building Code.

Specifications and Proposal Forms can be obtained at the Dysart Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, ON, or on our website at www.dysartetal.ca.

Proposals must be received on or before 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9th, 2012.
Ray Misco, Parks and Recreation Manager



Heather and Josh Bramham take daughter Julia for a stroll in Head Lake Park during Josh's break at work.



West Guilford seasonal residents Judy and Terry Patterson took in the sun on the Head Lake Park bridge.

Notices

DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION ACT FOR CLEAN WATER



South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region

Source Protection Plan Now Available for Public Comment

The South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe source protection committee is seeking public input into its recently released draft proposed source protection plan and explanatory document. Members of the public will find the documents on the website at www.ourwatershed.ca. They are also available for viewing in hard copy at the following locations during regular business hours:

- Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, 120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket (905-895-1281)
- Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, 8195 Concession Line 8, Utopia (705-424-1479)
- Severn Sound Environmental Association, 67 Fourth Street, Midland (705-527-5166)

Four public Open Houses are being held to provide an opportunity to learn more about the draft plan and how to participate in the commenting process.

Monday, April 16, 2012 5:30pm to 8:30pm, Brooklea Golf & Country Club, 8567 Highway 93, Midland
 Thursday, April 19, 5:30pm to 8:30 pm, Holiday Inn Express, 100 Pony Drive, Newmarket
 Saturday, April 21, 2012, 11am to 2pm, Liberty North, 100 Caplan Avenue, Barrie
 Tuesday, April 24, 2012, 5:30pm to 8:30pm, Best Western Mariposa Inn, 400 Memorial Avenue, Orillia

Please RSVP at least one week in advance by calling 416-536-7653 or e-mailing swp@ourwatershed.ca.

Our website at www.ourwatershed.ca has information about other Open Houses taking place in neighbouring source protection regions that might be more convenient for some residents.

Members of the public can take positive action now to review the policies and provide their feedback to the committee before the deadline of May 25, 2012.

Comments must be submitted in writing, either in person, by mail, fax or e-mail to:

Source Protection Committee
 c/o Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
 120 Bayview Parkway, Box 282
 Newmarket, ON L3Y 4X1
 e-mail: swp@ourwatershed.ca
 fax: 905-853-5881

Questions about the process should be directed to Susan Jagminas, Communications Specialist at 1-800-465-0437 or 905-895-1281 ext 264.

Mild Monday

Extraordinarily warm weather got people walking, playing, cycling and generally having fun outside on Monday, March 19. Temperatures hit 23°C that day, getting everyone ready for spring weather.

Photos by Jenn Watt



Lara Gallant, 4, plays in the tube slide on Monday, March 19 in Head Lake Park. The weather was so warm in Haliburton that the park had several visitors that day. Lara was at the park with brother William and mother Christine.

Enjoy this weather - safely

OPP warn motorists to be watchful of cyclists, joggers, pedestrians and children as spring progresses

With the warmer weather we have been experiencing comes more outdoor activity. Throughout Haliburton County, we are seeing more bicyclists, walkers, joggers, and children out and about on our roadways and side-

walks.

The OPP are asking everyone to be more diligent and aware of this increased activity and movement on and around the streets and roadways of Haliburton County. Pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicle operators need to follow all the rules of the road to keep everyone safe.

Motorcyclists are also out and about, enjoying the sunshine and scenery. All motorists need to be aware of the increase of different traffic on the roads and remain patient and courteous.

People are not the only ones that enjoy getting out in

the nicer weather. Be aware of an increase in animal activity as well. Watch for wildlife crossing the roadways and movement on the sides of area roads.

Now that the ice is moving off the lakes and waterways, boaters will be emerging as well. Remember that the ice has just moved out and that the water temperatures are still just a few degrees above freezing. Remember to wear appropriate clothing, floatation suits and life jackets at all times. Stay away from fast moving water.

Let's all enjoy this gift of wonderful weather and stay safe on our roads and waterways.

Spring temperatures should trigger car cleaning time

Kay Layne
QMI Agency

The clocks have sprung forward. Spring is in the process of "springing" with sunshine and better temperatures ahead. It's that time of year when some of us look forward to meals on patios and open-toed shoes. It is that time of year when hope springs eternal. It is that time year when we should show our cars a little love. It is time for spring maintenance.

It's time to remove your winter tires or rotate your all seasons. Take a moment to check your car's fluids. Let's face it, during the winter months (unless a warning light indicates otherwise) we are not standing in the cold topping up fluids. Also clean off and check your wipers. Remember April showers are looming.

Turn the music off, open your windows and listen while you drive. Are you hearing your brakes? Are they screeching or grinding? Then it is definitely time to have them inspected. It always amazes me how many people ignore the obvious warning signs.

I love giving people choices. Here are your options: you can take your car to be detailed or you can do it yourself. I look forward to and recommend getting your car detailed at least once a year. Like going to a spa, sometimes



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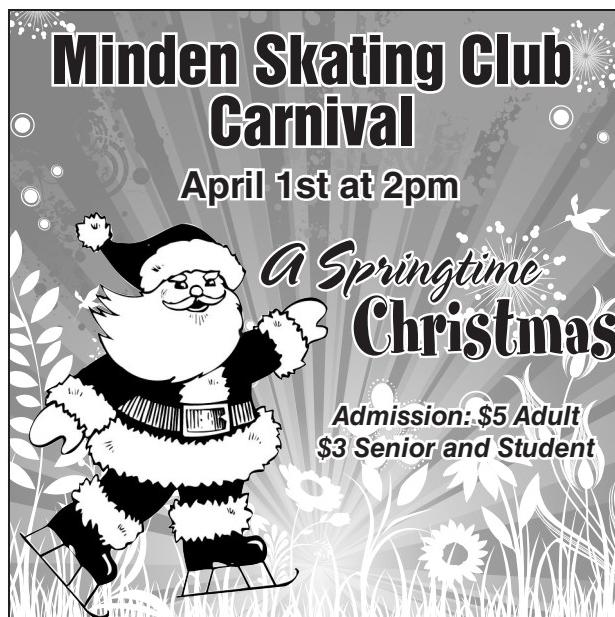
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If you are more hands on then, let us continue by washing the outside of your car. Give it a good cleaning, paying attention to areas around the wheels and bumpers where salt may have built up. Once dried it is time to give your car a proper wax. This can add years to your paint. Now there seems to be a misconception out there that if your automobile has a clear coating then waxing is not needed. This is simply not true. Clear coats still can use the protection given by a good waxing. So roll up your sleeves and get to it.



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- 8.The New Axis of Evil
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- 10.The Return of the King

For further information call: Wayne Rutter 705-448-2569
Mary Harnden 705-448-2032
Flo Taylor 705-448-2808

Lastly it is time for a good interior cleaning. Vacuum the seats and give your mats a deep cleaning. Time to remove all the salt and winter grime. Protect all your plastic and vinyl surfaces (but easy on the steering wheel, lest you lose grip) to add years by stopping fading and cracking. Once this is all done, take a drive and enjoy the wonderful temperatures. *For more auto news, go to autonet.ca.*

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Barb Bader of Glamor Lake was enjoying the sunshine on her dock when she saw this otter catching his dinner.

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Ryan Rupnow and Emily Alexander captured a photo of a owl on Caribou Road.

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community calendar

What's happening in the County



Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or to the  [Haliburton Highlands](http://www.haliburtonhighlands.ca) Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

March 31: Gooderham United Church Easter Bake & Craft Sale 10a.m. To 3p.m. Lunch Available including Homemade soup, sandwiches deserts and beverages

April 4: The Ontario Senior Games 55+ is having an Open House at the Haliburton Curling Club from 4 pm to 7 pm. There are 24 events from Walking to Euchre and Bridge. Applications can be picked up at various locations in the County or go online to www.ontarioseniorgames.ca or www.canoefm.com

April 7: The Norland United Church will hold its annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 7th starting at 8am. \$7.00-adults, \$3.00 children under 12 years, and preschool are free

April 14: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lochlin United Church Maplefest All you can eat Pancake Sausage/Brunch & Bake Sale. Best deal in town with real Haliburton Maple Syrup. Adults \$6, Children \$3 Preschoolers Free. Lochlin Rd. off Gelert Rd, County Rd. 1

April 17: HALIBURTON: Meet the Nurse 10 am -12, OEYC 83 Maple Ave. MINDEN April 18, 10 am- 12 OEYC 144 Bobcaygeon Rd. Parents with children – 6 yrs can meet with a Public Health Nurse. Call (705) 457-1391 for more information.

April 28: SIRCH Hike for Hospice Collect pledges on your own or get a team together and join us at Haliburton High School at 10:15 AM to register. Hike begins at 11 AM. Light refreshments, BBQ, entertainment and awards for most pledges collected. **100% of funds raised stay in our community!**

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• **Welcome to TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)** Monday Mornings located at Community Care weigh in begins at 9:30a.m. Short meeting after call Don or Mary Jane at 705-447-2420

• **Community Care Haliburton County Social Recreation** (in the drop-in centre) Wii games – Tuesday 9:30 a.m. – noon Contract Bridge – Monday 1-4p.m. Cribbage – Fridays 1 – 4p.m. For any additional information call 705-457-2941 Ext. 226

• **Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers & Spinners Guild** meet at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm For more information call Marian Gillanders at 705-489-3574

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• Help to Preserve our History with a veterans museum Wanted: British, Canadian or German WWI and WWII items Uniforms, helmets and caps and metals, photographs, shells and weapons Please do not donate money. Items broken or in part are welcome. Contact Martin Hofland at 705-457-2382

• **Minden Food Bank** is in desperate need of more volunteers. For any one interested they can call the Food Bank from 9-4 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays or by emailing us at mindencommunityfoodbank@bellnet.ca Thanks in advance for your assistance.

• Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 is looking for volunteers to help out in the branch kitchen. If you can spare a few hours each week to help the Legion continue their support to the community and the membership please call the branch at 705-286-4541. It will be much appreciated.

• SMART Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together is a safe, gentle exercise program to maintain strength, balance and flexibility. \$2 per session. In Minden Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in Hyland Crest auditorium. Thursdays in Haliburton at Echo Hills at 1:00pm. To register call Carol at 705-286-2500 ext. 265 or Melanie Therrien (VON) at 800-743-6255 ex 6451.

• **TOASTMASTERS** meet at the Minden United Church Wednesdays at 7pm Everyone Welcome ages 18 – 80. What is TOASTMASTERS ? Visit www.toastmasters.org

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be emailed to jmceathron@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

Community says goodbye to Marion Tallman

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Hilda Clark

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St. Margaret's Anglican Church was overflowing on Thursday, March 22 with the family and friends of the late Marion Tallman.

They came to pay their respects and to celebrate her life. Marion (Campbell) Tallman died at the Highland Woods retirement residence in Haliburton on Sunday, March 18. She was in her 85th year.

The funeral service led by the Rev. Canon Anne Moore included *Sweet Hour Of Prayer, Nearer My God To Thee* and *How Great Thou Art*, some of Marion's favourite hymns.

Representing the family, granddaughters Lauren Elliott read a lesson from scripture and Alexandra Elliott delivered a fine eulogy.

Marion grew up on the Campbell farm in Ilderton, Ont. After high school, she achieved a BS NC and trained as a nurse at Victoria Hospital in London, Ont.

After graduation, she spent a few lonely months nursing in Rainy River.

In 1950, she arrived in Wilberforce to serve at the Red Cross Outpost as a public health nurse. Little did she know then that she would never really leave Wilberforce permanently again.

Marion married Karl Tallman and became an important part of the Tallman clan and the Wilberforce and area community. She and Karl lived and raised their family here.

Marion's nursing career spanned many years: the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost, the Haliburton Red Cross

Hospital, the Bancroft health unit, and nearly 30 years with the Haliburton health unit. Marion served this area well providing health services at various levels from school children to the elderly.

She was known and trusted by many whom she helped. She will be well remembered for her firm but gentle loving manner and as a true friend.

Sympathy is extended to her daughters Lynn (Grant Goods) and Anne (Morris Elliott), sons Bill and Doug (Patti), her grandchildren, her brother Don Campbell (Shirley) and all of Marion's much loved Campbell and Tallman relatives.

Rest in peace, Marion. As the Easter hymn says: The strife is o'er. The battle won.

The skaters were the Stars on Ice in the Ghoulish "Spectacular" skating carnival at the arena on Saturday evening March 24.

The skaters of the Highlands East Recreational Figure Skating Club appeared to be having fun as they performed their routines and to be enjoying the spooky music and wearing their delightful costumes. The choice of themes surely seems to help inspire them to put on a good show.

The performances of the beginners Connor Byrne and Caleb Manning in *Purple People Eaters* and *Spiderman* and the older ghosts Avery Degeer, Madalyn Byrne, Tommy Deterling, Owen Deterling and Chaz Whitehead with their ghost busting antics and their friendly spirited moves were well received.

Junior girls Hannah Huffman, Bridgette Byrne, Olivia Brown, Stephanie Rogers, Lily Manning, Cheyenne Degeer, Destiny Storey, Avery Chalmers, Violette Kane and Ella Plumb showed spirit and well developing skills in their

charming Addams Family number.

See next week's *Echo* for photos from the event.

The seniors Chaz Whitehead, Hailey Alden, Gracyn Whitehead, Becca Pacey, Shenese Alden, Kadie Raimey and Kendra Anderson treated the audience to a well-polished act in the *Monster Mash*.

In the delightful *Skeleton Dance* skaters from several levels were very entertaining with their well practised routines.

After Shenese Alden, Kadie Raimey, Hailey Alden, Becca Pacey and Kendra Anderson thrilled the audience as they skated so very well to *Thriller*, they were joined by all the skates for the final skate and bows.

The program included performances by some guest skaters from the Bancroft Skating Club.

Warmly welcomed were: Katie Craig and Kaitlyn Simpson in *Gonna Make You Sweat* and Emma Neuman and Hannah Armstrong in *Rockin' Robin*.

Emma Neuman also gave a solo performance on short notice to replace a sick skater. These guest skaters were very entertaining with some great moves in delightful costumes.

Many thanks to all who lead and support this fine winter activity in this community. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

A pancake breakfast at the Highland Grove Community Centre on Saturday, March 31 is a fundraiser for the parish of St. John Vianney Catholic Church. You can enjoy this meal any time from 8 a.m. to noon that Saturday. Adults can partake for \$6 each. Children 12 and under eat for \$4.

Maple Fest at the Lloyd Watson centre will be on Easter Saturday.

Join the fun at the Wilberforce Legion

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The Municipality of Dysart et al

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The preferred candidate will have municipal tax experience supported by post-secondary education in a related field.

The annual salary range for this position is \$45,552.00 to \$52,811.20 (2011 rates) and we offer a comprehensive benefit program and enrolment in the OMERS pension plan.

Please submit a confidential resume and cover letter, preferably via email, no later than **Monday, April 2nd, 2012 at noon** to the attention of Tamara Wilbee, CAO twilbee@dysartetal.ca

Mail to: P.O. Box 389, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0

We thank all those who apply, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. The Municipality of Dysart et al is an equal opportunity employer. Personal information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for employment purposes.

Career & Business Opportunities

The Minden Times

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The Municipality of Dysart et al is recruiting for the following Employment Opportunities

SEASONAL LABOURERS ROADS DEPARTMENT

The Municipality of Dysart et al is seeking applications to fulfill two (2) position of Seasonal Labourer.

Duties include general labourer responsibilities for roads maintenance purposes. Minimum of a "G" driver's licence is required and a D "Z" licence is preferred. Previous roads maintenance and/or construction experience is considered an asset.

Employment is to commence as soon as possible for a maximum period of nine (9) months. Rate of pay will be \$19.46 per hour based on a 40 hour work week, pursuant to the CUPE Local 2142 Collective Agreement.

SUMMER STUDENT LANDFILL SITE ATTENDANTS HALIBURTON LANDFILL

The Municipality of Dysart et al is seeking two (2) summer student Landfill Site Attendants at the Haliburton Landfill location.

Duties include, but are not limited to, assisting in the operation of the site during landfill hours and maintaining effective control over the recycling program.

Applicants must be Post-Secondary students planning to return to school in September 2012. A "G2" or "G" class driver's license is required. Successful candidates must supply and wear Green patch footwear.

Estimated start date is May 8th, 2012. Wage is \$10.50 per hour based on a 40 hour work week that will include working weekend shifts. This position recruitment is subject to receipt of funding.

SEASONAL LABOURER

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Municipality of Dysart et al is seeking applications to fulfill one (1) position of Seasonal Labourer.

The successful candidate will be involved in a diverse range of job activities at various Municipal Parks and the Dysart Arena/Community Centre which include grass cutting and trimming, minor landscaping duties, performing building maintenance tasks and facility repairs, record keeping, event/rental setups and tear downs and janitorial duties.

This seasonal position is estimated to commence in late-April until approximately mid-October. The rate of pay is \$14.58 per hour (2011 rates). The position is based on a 40 hour work week and involves variable shifts and weekend work.

SUMMER STUDENTS PARKS & RECREATION

The Municipality of Dysart et al is looking to fill two (2) summer student positions, one (1) for the Arena and one (1) for the Parks. The successful candidates will be involved in a diverse range of job activities at various Municipal Parks and the Dysart Arena/Community Centre which include grass cutting and trimming, minor landscaping duties, performing building maintenance tasks and facility repairs, record keeping, event/rental setups and tear downs and janitorial duties.

Candidates must be Post-Secondary students planning to return to school in September 2012 and must have a "G2" or "G" class driver's license. Successful candidates must supply and wear Green patch footwear.

This position is to commence in April for approximately 17 weeks. Rate of pay is \$10.50 per hour, based on a 40 hour work week and involves variable shifts and weekend work. This position recruitment is subject to receipt of funding.

For all positions, a current Police Check and a clean Driver's Abstract are required as a condition of employment.

Please submit a confidential resume and cover letter, preferably via email, no later than **4:00 pm on Monday, April 9th, 2012** to the attention of **Tamara Wilbee, CAO**.

Email to: twilbee@dysartetal.ca

Mail to: PO Box 389, Haliburton, ON. K0M 1S0

We thank all those who apply, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. The Municipality of Dysart et al is an equal opportunity employer. Personal information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for employment purposes.

Girl spotted by OPP from helicopter

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search that lasted through the night.

Raymond was spotted in the bush near Conway Road by helicopter the morning of March 24 and, after being examined by paramedics, was returned to her parents.

Constable Sandy Adams told the paper she couldn't give any additional information about just what had happened, but did say there was

no foul play or charges involved.

Adams confirmed the teenager had gotten lost in the forest.

"She was only about three kilometres from where she went in," she said.

There is no minimum length of time required for a person to be considered missing.

"If somebody's missing, they're missing," Adams said. "The sooner we're notified, the better chance we have of finding them."

Preventing a break in

Each year, members of the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police investigate numerous break and enters, and are often successful in the apprehension of the offenders responsible. However, much of this success is dependent on the eyes and ears of area residents.

Here are some tips that can assist community involvement in the detection, prevention and conviction of offenders:

Detection:

- Keep your eyes and ears open for suspicious vehicles and persons in the area of your residence. Do not confront possible suspects.
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of suspicious vehicles.

- Record detailed descriptions of occupants of suspicious vehicles.

• Organize residents in your area for Cottage Watch programs and seek the assistance of the local OPP for implementation.

• Report your concerns immediately to the Ontario Provincial Police Communications Centre at 1-888-310-1122. Provide your municipal address and 911 number.

- Make "would-be" thieves visible.
- Don't hide keys in secret places. Instead leave a duplicate with a friend or neighbour.

Prevention:

• Borrow an engraver from your local Ontario Provincial Police Detachment to engrave your valuable belongings. This may discourage theft of valuables and will provide an easy way to identify stolen property.

• Use a personal identification mark such as your driver's licence number when engraving your property.

• For deterrent purposes, the identification marks should be easily identifiable.

• Record the contents of your home or cottage on paper or using a video camera.

- Record the serial numbers of your property.

• Remove expensive articles from the cottage when away for extended periods of time.

• Don't leave articles out, such as axes and tools that could be used to assist in breaking into your residence.

• Establish relationships with neighbours and check on each other's property when away.

• Lock everything and utilize dead-bolt locks.

• Invest in an alarm system.

• If you are away, make sure that your residence looks like it is occupied. Have the sidewalks shovelled, the mail collected, and the grass cut. Make use of timers to have lights coming on and going off at different intervals.

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Deaths

SMITH, Sylvia - Passed away peacefully at home in Haliburton (Longview Acres) on Saturday, March 24, 2012 with her loving family by her side. In her 71st year. Beloved wife of Kenneth Smith (43 years). Loving mother of Angela and Steve Zahn, Janet and Chris Wellstood, Randy, Ryan and Sarah Mackenzie, predeceased by her son Andrew (1969) and loving grandma to Jessica and Justin. Dear sister of Sharon and Paul Sisson, Carol and Ron Johns. Lovingly remembered by her family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O Box 427, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden K0M 2K0 on Tuesday evening from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Funeral Service will be held in the chapel at the Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 2:00 pm. Interment to follow at the Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. Reception will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 129, Haliburton (downstairs). Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society (Punch Out Cancer Fund Raiser) would be appreciated by the family.

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- Custom built Royal Home
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 - Large open living room with cathedral ceilings
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- Very tranquil setting
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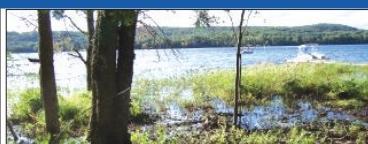
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- 3 bedrooms
- Fully furnished
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KENNISIS LAKE LOT**\$269,900**

- 118 foot frontage with sand beach
- Well Treed, Level Waterfront Property
- Building site has been cleared

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- Prime "Number One" commercial location in Haliburton County!
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KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE**\$625,000**

- Tastefully finished, 4+1 bedroom, 2 storey home/cottage
- Fully finished basement 3000+ sqft of living space
- Nicely landscaped lot, 104' of frontage on prestigious five lake chain.
- Beautiful sunsets from lakeside patio and firepit area

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BEECH LAKE HOME OR COTTAGE**\$367,900**

- 25ft hard packed rippled sand waterfront
- 1200 sq ft bungalow with finished basement
- deck and dock at the lake
- screened in porch with pretty views

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HALIBURTON BY THE LAKE**\$359,900**

- Spacious 3 PLUS bedroom home
- Open eating area, LR, large kitchen w/ island
- Walkout and walk-in closet off of mas.
- 2 rooms upstairs for den or office or guests. Full bas.

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- Level • Approved for building and septic
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- Driveway and building site prep'd
- Year round road

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MINDEN**\$269,900**

- Private estate setting with 15+ acres
- 4 Bedrm / 2 Bath Home w/Detached Garage
- Lots of Stonework & Pine floors
- 2338 sqft. Living Space • Year Round Municipal Road

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\$679,000.



GLEN LAKE GETAWAY

Charming & warm, ski area property. 3 fireplaces, heated granite floors & more. Main cottage plus 700sf loft for guests.

\$649,000.



KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE

Pine log & frame home/cottage. Enjoy sun all day long w/south exp. 115 ft of clean shoreline. Extensive deck/docking system. Open concept, maple floors. Cozy fp. Sunroom w/hot tub.

\$617,000.



KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE

Custom built 3 BR. Level lot, view west. Vaulted ceiling, 2 firs, recroom. Deck, scr porch, dbl att garage. Shows pride of ownership!

\$538,000.



COMMERCIAL BUILDING

High traffic main st. location. Large building with showroom, dbl garage, Storage area, living quarters, rental unit, & ample parking.

\$469,000.



OTTER LAKE

Peace and tranquility! 8.84 ac lot, 379ft on no motor lake. 3+2 bedrooms. Open concept living area, fp, w/o to deck. Full fin w/o basement.

\$469,000.



FINISH TO SUIT

Buy now & pick many of your own finishings! 2+1 br, open concept, cathedral ceilings. Large deck, screened porch, full w/o bsmt. Guilford Lake, privacy & no motors!

\$498,000.



GREEN LAKE

3 lake chain! Spectacular point lot with 350 feet sand shoreline & western exp. Great swimming. Outstanding view. Pretty landscaping, level lot. Att double garage.

\$379,000.



NEW HOME TO BE BUILT

Quality const, 1900 sf w/dble garage, covered porch. Private setting, 2 ac lot. Will finish to suit buyer.

\$360,000.



TED'S LAKE

3br solid brick bungalow in private park-like setting. Sunroom, recroom, fp, att & det garage/workshop.

\$329,000.



COUNTRY ACREAGE & HOME

Located between Haliburton & Minden on 23 acres, trails throughout. Comfortable 3BR/2Bath on one level, spacious rooms, large oak kitchen, lots of bells & whistles plus 2 massive garage buildings.

\$309,000.



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Quiet Little Lake, good Fishing, for those who appreciate nature. 52 Acres & 600' frtg.

\$239,900.+HST



GOODERHAM COMMERCIAL

Excellent business location in busy village. Environmental Study has been completed. Ready for Entrepreneur.

\$55,900.



IRONDALE RIVER

6.49 acre riverfront retreat. Great for swimming, fishing and canoeing. Nicely treed, rolling lands. Near Contau Lake.

\$39,900.



FADER ROAD

Pretty building lot with deeded access to Maple Lake. Year rnd private rd. Hydro/phone available. Good location for cottage or home.

\$23,777.



CARDIFF LAKE

3.29 ac. Gradual slope. Crown land nearby. 645' of clean sand/stone shoreline. Driveway in. Hydro/phone avail., easements.

\$179,000.

GULL RIVER

8.8 acres. Over 200'ft good riverfront. Facing West. Quite private, nicely treed, yr rnd rd, driveway, hydro/phone. Boat to Gull Lake Minden village.

\$129,900.

Excellent business location in busy village. Environmental Study has been completed. Ready for Entrepreneur.

\$55,900.

GLAMOR LAKE ROAD

1.1 acre building lot within walking distance to Glamor Lake. Well treed, nice area. Year round road, hydro and telephone available.

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